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ET QVARTO EDOVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Session of this
present parliament, holden vpon pro-
rogacion at Westminster the.iii. daie
of Nouember, in the third yere of the
reigne of oure moste drade souereigne
Lorð. Edward the VI. by the grace of
God King of England, Fraunce, and
Irelande, defendoz of the faith, and of
the church of Englande and also of
Ireland, in yearth the supreme hed:
and there continued and kept
to the first daie of febru-
arij, in the.iii. yere of
oure saied soue-
reigne lorðe,
as follo-
weth.



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keeper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, shall name
and appointe the Custos rotulorum throughout all
Shires of England, accordyng as in
time past hath bene accustomed.

The first Chapter.



Where in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of the moste excellent prince of famous memorie king Henry the eight, it was enacted that no persone or persones, should from the makynge of thesaide act be nominated and appointed to the office or offices of the Custos rotulorum, within any Shire of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges dominions, Marches, or territories of thesaime, but suche as should haue a bill signed with the Kinges hand for thesaime, which bill signed, should be a sufficient warraunt by auctoritie of thesaide Acte, to the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, and Lorde keeper of the greates Seale for the tyme beyng, to make from time to tyme, commission or commissions, assignyng and authorisynge thereby thesaime person to bee Custos rotulorum, untill the King had by an other bill assigned wyth his owne hande appointed and ordeyned an other person to haue, occupie, and exercise, thesaime office of Custos rotulorum, and that thesaide person appointed and assigned to be Custos rotulorum, as is abovesaide, should and might occupie, exercise and enioye thesaide office of Custos rotulorum, by him self, or by his sufficient deputie learned in the lawes of this Realme, and mete and able to supplie thesaide office, accordyng to the tenour of thesaide graunt or commission, as by thesaime act among other thinges moze at large it doth and may appere. Sence the makynge of which statute, diuerse & many persons being in thesaide offices of Custos rotulorum, in diuerse shires of the realme, haue departed this present lyfe and died, so that there hath not come to the handes of the Chauncellour of England, or Lorde keeper of the great Seale, any bill or billes, assigned with the Kinges maiesties hand for the nampynge, appointynge or assignyng of any new Custos rotulorum, in thesaime Shires, thesaide offices haue remained voyde for a long tyme, to the great let of iustice. And also for that it shalbe very tedious, and much to the molestynge of the Kinges maiestie, vpon euery auoidaunce of suche Custos rotulorum, by death, or otherwyle, to moue his Maiestie for the signyng of billes for other persons to be elected, named, chosen and appointed, to supplie the

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saide offices of *Custos rotulorum*, beinge boide. And for that the nomination and appointing of thesaide office of *Custos rotulorum*, longe time before the making of thesaide Statute, last before rehearsed, dyd apperteyne and belong to the office of the Chauncellour of Englande or Lorde keeper of the greate Seale, for the time being: Be it therefore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that the Chauncellour of Englande or lorde keeper of the greate Seale, for the time being, shall at all time and tynes hereafter, and from time to time, without any bill or bills, to bee assigned with the kynges hande, name, elect, assigne and appointe suche person and persons, to be *Custos rotulorum*, within every Shire of this realme of England, Wales and other the kynges dominions, Marches, and territories of thesame, or by any of them, as by the direction of thesaide Lorde Chauncellour, or lorde keeper of the greate Seale, for the time being, shalbe thought hable and mete, to haue and exercise thesame. And that thesaid person and persons, so to be appointed, elected, named, and assigned, by thesaide lorde Chauncellour or lorde keeper of the greate Seale, for the time being, shall and maie occupie, exercise and enioye, thesame office of *Custos rotulorum*, by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie or deputies, in as ample and large maner & forme, as if thesaid acte had neuer bene had ne made, the before rehearsed acte or any thing therein contained, to the contrarie hereof in any wyse not withstanding.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all suche as now haue any of thesaide offices of *Custos rotulorum*, by the kynges letters Patentes or commission, to theim or any of theim made, shall and maie enioye, haue and exercise their saide offices, by vertue of thesame letters Patentes or commission by him self, or his sufficient and hable deputie instructed in the lawes of this realme, any thyng in this present act had or made, to the contrary not withstanding.

PROVIDED also that it be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Archebysshop of Yorke, the bisshop of Durham, the bisshop of Ely, and euery of their successours, the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancaster for the time being, and all and euery person and persons, corporations and bodie corporated, to whome the kynges maiestie or any of his noble progenitours by his or their letters Patentes, or acte of Parliament, haue geuen and graunted any libertie and aucthoritie, or other wise haue aucthoritie by other lawfull meanes or waies, to ordeine, make and constitute, any of thesaid officers of *Custos rotulorum*, within any countie palentine, or other place, shal & may haue & enioye thesame libertie & aucthoritie, accordyng as thei haue had and enioyed thesame, any thing in this present act, had or made, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ The second Chapter.

An acte for the true making of
wollen clothes,

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As much as by the sleight and sottel making of
Clothes and Colours, within diuers partes of this
Realm, now of late practised and vied, not onely
great infamies and slaunders hath growen to the
same realme, but also the kinges maiesties faithfull
and true subiettes haue sustined great losse in the
vse and werping of thesame clothes, so sleightly and
sottellie made: for remedy and reformation wherof

Be it ordeined and enacted by the kinges moste excellent maiestie, with
the assent of the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the comons in this
present Parliament assembled, and by thauethoritie of thesame, that e-
uery Clothier and clothe maker, shal from the feast of the Annunciatio
of our Lady next commyng, set his Seale of leade to his clothe, decla-
ryng thereby, the iust lengthes thereof to be tried by the water. And that
no persō shal fro thesaid feast, straine or stretche any set clothes or any
other clothe aboue one yerd and an halfe in length and a quarter of a yerd
in breadeth, vpon paine to forfeite. xl. s. for euery default. And that no
person nor persons shal from thesaid feast, vpon paine last befoze reme-
mbered, put to sale any cloth, which when it shalbe wett shal shrinke moze
then one yerd and a halfe in al the length, and a quarter of a yerd in the
breadeth. And that narrow straites and kerseis, shal not from thesaid
feast be stretched aboue a yerd in length, and halfe a quarter of a yerd
in breadeth, vpon the paine for euery default therin. xx. s. nor shal put to
sale any cloth, narrow, streite or kersie, the peces wherof beyng wet shal
shrinke moze then after thesame seuerall rates in the whole pece, vpon
paine to forfeite for euery suche offence. xx. s.

AND further, that no person or persōs occupieng the seate of dying,
shal die or alter into colours, or cause to be died, or altered in to colours
any wolle clothes, as browne blewes, piewhes, taunies, or violettis, ex-
cept thesame wolle clothes be perfectly boiled, greined or maddered vpon
the woode, and shot with good and sufficiēt corke or orshal after a due sub-
stantial and sufficient maner of workmanship, according to the auncient
workmanship in time past vied, vpon paine for euery default to forfeit xx. s.
And that any person, shal fro thesaid feast, dye any wolle to be couerted
into clothe called russettes, musters, marbles, gtales, topes, and suche like
colours or to be couerted and made in to hattes or cappes, onles thesame
wol be perfectly woode, boiled and maddered according to the true and
auncient vslage vpon the paine of forfeiture for the false dying of euery
such cloth, or of asmuch wol as shal serue for the making of euery cloth
contrarie to the true meanyng thereof. xl. s. And shal dye with basel to
chintment to make a false coloure in clothe nor woll, hattes nor cappes,
vpon paine for euery default to forfeit. xx. s.

AND that no person or persons, shal after thesaid feast put any floc-
kes, chalke, floure or kerche or any other deceivable thing, vpon any set
cloth, or vpon any other cloth or clothes coloured or vncolored, vpon

paine to forfeit for every such offence. xl. s. And that no person shal fro the said feast, occupie any iron cardes or pickardes in rowing of any set cloth or any maner of wolle cloth vpon paine to forfeit, aswel the said iron cardes or pickardes, as also the some of. xx. s. for every such offence. For that any person shal fro the said feast sell any cloth by any lesse measure then after the true content therof, to be moten & measured by the peard, adding to every peard one ynch of the rule, according to the statute made in the vi. yere of the reigne of the most worthy prynces of most famous memory king Henry the. viii. father vnto our soueraigne lord the king & now is, vpon paine to forfeit for every peard of clothe so put to sale, by any other lesse measure. vi. s. viii. d. And that no person shal fro the said feast, put to sale here within the realme, either by retail or otherwise any cloth, being pressed to be occupied & wo:ne here within the realme of England, wales, or Ireland, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same cloth or the value thereof that haue bene so pressed and put to sale, as is last before remembred.

AND for the better executing of this statute, be it enacted by thau-
thoritie aforesaid, that in every toun, village, or hamlet, being not cor-
porate, where any cloth shalbe made, or sold, the Justices of peace of the
same shire where any suche toun, village, or hamlet is, or two of the at
the least, & in every citie, borough, or toun corporate, the hed officer or
officers of every the same citie, borough or toun corporat together with
the wardens of the clothworkers, or two of the at the least, shal haue full
power and authoritie by vertue of this act, once every yere to conuent
& call before the by their precept, or otherwise. ii. iii. vi. viii. or more, as
thei shal think good by their discrecion of the most honest, discret & in dis-
cret me of every such citie, borough, toun, village or hamlet, wher any
cloth shalbe made or sold, and them shal constitute, ordeine & appoyncte
to be ouerscers for one whole yere then next folowing, within the citie,
borough, toun, village or hamlet, wher the same ouerscers shalbe dwel-
lyng, charging the also vpon their othes, and as thei do tender the ho-
nor of the realme, and the comen welth of the same, that thei do induour
theim selves for that yere, as much as in the shal lye, to see that this sta-
tute be truly obserued & kept, within the limites of their charge in every
part thereof. And that the same ouerscers, or two of the, shal every quar-
ter of the said yere at the least, or so often as neede shal require by their
discrecions, by force hereof, visite and go in to every clothiers, drapers,
clothworkers, diers and pressors houses, shops, and other places, where
cloth or died wolle shalbe, and there to make due serche, and to vewe the
clothes and wolles, made or died or remainyng to be sold, and to serche
and trie, aswel whether the said clothes, be drawn or strained or falsly
died, as also of al other the defaultes before specified, committed, or done
contrarie to the true meaning of this act. And if vpon the serche, the clo-
thes be found drawn or strained, or the clothe or wolles falsly died or
coulozed, or any other of the said faultes comitted or done, contrarie to
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the true meanyng of this statute: That then the said several forfeitures
 do encurre vpon the partie, or parties, whiche shal offend in the same, or
 in any of them: the one halfe of al whiche forfeitures to be vnto the king
 our soueraigne Lord his heires or successours, and the other halfe, to
 suche of the said ouerseers, as doth finde the said defaultes or causes of
 forfeitures, and that wil sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of
 record or before the Iustices of peace, within any such cite, borough or
 toun corporate, or before the Iustices of peace within any shire where
 any suche forfeitures shalbe had out of any cite or toun corporate, the
 same sute to be p̄serued by Bill, plaint, accion of debte, Informacion
 or otherwise, and in whiche sute, no wager of law, essoine or protection
 shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And if the said ouerseers shalbe neg-
 ligent and wil not sue for the same forfeitures, by the space of one halfe
 yere next after the cause of the same forfeitures committed and done, that
 then the one halfe of the same forfeiture, to be vnto our said soueraigne
 Lord the kyng, his heires or successours, & the other halfe to him which
 will sue for the same, as is aforesaid within one other halfe yere next af-
 ter suche default be had by the said ouerseers. And if any of the said per-
 sons so commaunded to appeare to be made ouerseers, as is aforesaid,
 and haupng no reasonable excuse, do refuse to come, and to take vpon
 him or them to be an ouerseer, as is aforesaid, that then every such per-
 son so refusyng, and haupng no resonable excuse so to do, to forfeit for
 every suche refusyng, .xl.s. the one halfe thereof, to be to the kyng our
 said soueraigne, his heires or successours, and the other halfe to the Ju-
 stices of peace, or other head officer or officers, by whose comaundement
 he was commaunded to appeare, or to be an ouerseer, and the same ouer-
 seer so offending, to remaine in the warde of the Sherif, vntil such tyme
 as he hath made paymēt of the said forfeiture, or otherwise put in suffi-
 cient bonde for the satisfaccion of the same. And if the said ouerseers, or
 two of them at the least, do not once every quarter of the yere, make due
 searche for the true executyng of this statute, that then every of the said
 ouerseers, to forfeite for every suche defaulte .x.l. the one halfe to be to
 the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, and the other halfe, to him
 that will sue for the same, by bill, plaint, accion of debt, Informacion or
 otherwise, in whiche sute, no essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the
 defendaunt. And if the said ouerseers, shalbe interrupted and not suffe-
 red to enter in to the said houses, shoppes, or other places, wher any such
 clothes or wolles shalbe made or died, or any other of the said defaultes
 shall happen to be done or committed, there to make searche for the bet-
 ter executyng of this statute, that then every one that so shal make any
 suche interrupcion, shall forfeite .xx.l. the one halfe of whiche forfeiture
 to be to our said soueraigne Lord the kyng, his heires or successours,
 and thother halfe thereof, to be to the said ouerseers, to whome any such
 interrupcion shalbe made, and the same to be opteyned and pursued for,

In suche maner and fourme, as befoze in this act is expressed, for the recovery of other of thesaide forfeitures

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaide, that it shall and mai be lesul to every person and persons, to put to sale any clothe or clothes, made, died, or prest, whiche befoze thesaide feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady shalbe made, died or prest, at any tyme wythin one yere, nexte after thesaide feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady, so as the Shire, or hys Deputie or other hys Officer in any suche Citty, Borough, Towne, Village or Hamlet, do put some notorious marke to every such cloth, wherby thesame mai be knowe to be made befoze thesaide feast of the Purificacio of our Lady nextcomyng.

PROVIDED also that no maner of person, shall take any advantage of any of thesaide forfeitures, by reason of thys Statute, onlesse thesame person dothe commence, hys sute wythin one yere, nexte after thesaide offences and forfeitures committed.

AND to thentent, that all suche Clothes as shalbe made wythin thys Realme, or any other of the Kynges Dominions after thesaide feast, shalbe the better knownen from the other Clothes made befoze thesame tyme: Be it thetfore enacted by thautozitie aforesaide, that every Clothier shall befoze suche tyme, as he shall putte hys Clothe to sale, beyng made after thesaide feast, cause every Clothe to bee marked with a letter of E. crowned, wrought in the cloth, vnder pain of forfeiture for every clothe so beyng solde and not merked with thesaide letter E. by any suche Clothier. xx.s. the one halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires or successours, and thother halfe to him that wyll sue for thesame, in maner and fourme befoze reherseb.

20 The.iii. Chapter.

An acte concernyng the emprouementes of Commons and wast groundes.



Here in the Parliament holde at Mar: ton in the. xx. yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the thirde, it is contened that for because many greute menne of Englande whiche had enfeoffed knyghtes and other their free tenants of small Tenementes in their greute mannours, did complaine that thei might not make their profittes of the residue of their mannours as of wast woddes and pastures, wher thesame feoffes had sufficient pasture as muche as belonged vnto their tenementes: it was provided & graunted, that whatsoever persons so enfeoffed, brought assise of Nouell disseison, of their comon of pasture, & befoze the iustices it wer recognised, that thei had as much pasture as did suffice vnto their Tenementes, and that thei had free ingresse

gresse & egresse into, and from their tenementes vnto their pasture, that then they should therewith be contented, and that they, vpon whome they had complained should departe quite with that that they myght inake their profite of their landes, wastes, woddess, and pastures. And yf it were sayde that they had not sufficient pasture, or sufficient ingresse and egresse, as muche as doth belong vnto their tenementes, as is aboue said, that then the trueth thereof should be enquired, by Iussise, and if it were recognised by the Iussise, that their ingresse and egresse wet in any thyng letted by thesame deforciatours, or that they had not sufficient pasture and sufficient ingresse and egresse, as is aboue said, that then they should recouer their ^{possession}, by vewe of the Jurours, so that by the discrecion and othe of them, the complauntes should haue sufficient pasture and sufficient ingresse and egresse, in fourme afoze saide, & that the disseisours, should be in americiament of the king, and should yelde dammages as they were wonte to do befoze thesame prouision. And if it were recognised by the Iussise, that the complauntes hadde sufficient pasture with free ingresse & egresse, as is aboue mencioned, that then the other might lawfully do their profite of the residue, and should goo quite from thesame Iussise, as in the saide Estatute moze plainly appeareth.

AND where also in the Parliament holden at Westminster after Easter the. xii. yere of the reigne of king Edward the first, it was ordeined that where in the statute made at Marston, it was agreed that lordes of wastes, woddess, and pastures, might approue the selves of their wastes, woddess and pastures, notwithstanding the gayne sayng and contradiccion of their ternauntes, whyles thesame ternauntes had sufficient pasture to their tenementes with free ingresse and egresse, into and from thesame. And for that no mencion was made betwene neighbour and neighbour, many Lordes of wastes, woddess and pastures, vnto that time were let by contradiccion or gayne sayng of neighbours, hauyng sufficient pasture. And forasmuche as forrein ternauntes haue no greater right of commonyng in the wodd, wast or pasture of any lord, then the proper ternauntes of thesame Lord, it was from thenceforth ordeined, that thesaide Statute prouided at Marston, betwene the Lord and his ternauntes, should haue place from thenceforth betwene the lordes of wastes, woddess and pastures, and neighbours, sayng sufficient pasture to their menne and neighbours, so that the Lordes of thesame wast, wastes, woddess, and pastures, maie approue theim selves of the residue, and that thesame should be obserued of them that claime pasture as petteynyng to their Ternauntes. But if any man claime common of pasture, by special scoffement or graunt, to a certayne nombre of beastes, or otherwise, then of common right, he ought to haue it; Where couenaunt dothe abrogate the lawe, he shall haue suche recouery as he ought to haue by forme of the graunte to hym made. And that by occasion of a Wyndmyl, Shepehouse, Dairy, augmentacion or increase of any courtte necessaie, or curtillage, from thenceforth, noman should be greued

ued by Assise, of Nouell diffeson. of common of pasture. And forasmuche as it happeneth some tyme that some men haupng right to approue to him selfe, hath made oꝝ leuied a ditch oꝝ a hedge, and other by might oꝝ such other tyme when thei beleue thei dede shoulde not be knowen, doo oꝝ will cast doune thesame ditch oꝝ hedge, and that it cannot bee knowen by verditte of assise oꝝ Iurie, who did cast doune thesame ditch oꝝ hedge, noꝝ the men of the next towne wil endite them that be giltye of thesame dedes, then the nexte towne shal adioynng aboute thesame shalbe distressed, to leuie oꝝ make by thesame ditch oꝝ hedge at their proper costes, & to yeld dammages as in thesaide Estatute amongst other thinges more plainly appeareth.

AND forasmuche as the aforesaid Estatutes bene thought beneficial for the common wealth of this realme of England: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that al and euery thesaide Statutes and all branches, clauses, articles, sentences, matters and pointes contained and specified in theim, and euery of theim, now not repealed, shal from henceforth be good and effectual, and also stand and be in their full strength, force, and effecte.

AND because that such persons as shal bypng assise of nouell diffeson, vpon thesaid Estatutes, oꝝ vpon any of theim, shal by force of thesame estatute recouer but onely single dammages, whiche is thought to be a smal recompence for thesame: Therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that al suche person and persons, as shal at any tyme hereafter bypng Assise vpon any branche oꝝ article of thesaide Estatutes, oꝝ any of theim, and haue iudgement to recouer, shal haue his, oꝝ their damages trebled by the iudgement of the court where such Assise and iudgement shalbe had.

AND where in diuerse countries of this Realme, there hath bene builded vpon Commons oꝝ wast groundes certaine necessarie houses with ground, vnder the quantitie of thre acres, and not aboue thre acres enclosed to and with thesame: and in some place there is enclosed a garden, oꝝ charde oꝝ ponde, out, of oꝝ in such wastes oꝝ groundes, which exceede not the quantitie of twoo acres oꝝ there aboutes whiche doth no hurte, and yet is muche commoditie to the owner therof, and to others: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that thesaide twoo former actes, noꝝ any of theim, noꝝ any thyng in theim cōteined, shal extend to any suche house, grounde oꝝ other thyng so enclosed, as is last herein befoze mencioned, ne shal cause any person oꝝ persons to lose oꝝ forsaite any paine, dammage, oꝝ penaltie for thesame.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted, that if any suche house hath bene heretofore builded vpon any suche wast ground as is afoze saide, and that there be aboue the nombꝛe of thre acres enclosed to the same

same, that then thesaide house and three acres percell of thesame enclosure, shall still remaine, stande, abide and continue in lyke and thesame fourme and degree, as it now doth, and that the ouerplus, of thesaide three acres so enclosed, as is aforesaide, shal and maie be layed open by the owner or owners of thesame wastes, any thing in this act, or in any of thesaide former actes, to the contrarie in any wyle notwithstanding.

¶ The.iiii. Chapter.

An acte concernynge grauntes and giftes
made by patenties out of
letters patentes.



Where the right noble and famous kynge of full
worthie memoire kynge Henry the. viii. father to
oure moste dreade and nowe naturall souereigne
liege Lorde, sithens the.iiii. date of februarye in
the.xxvii. yere of his late reigne, and also the kyn-
ges moste excellent Maiestie, by their seuerall let-
ters Patentes, haue geuen, graunted, bargained,
solde, and eschauged to and with diuerse and sun-
drie the subiectes of this Realme, bodies politique and corporate in fee
simple, fee taile, for terme of life or yeres, diuerse honours, castels, ma-
nours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and offices. After
and since whiche grauntes, bargaines, sales and exchaunges, diuerse of
thesaide Patentees, their heires, successours or assignes, haue bargai-
ned, solde, geuen, exchaunged or dimised, diuerse perticuler parties, per-
cells or porcions of thesaide honours, castels, mannours, landes, tene-
mentes, hereditamentes and offices, or other thynges thereunto apper-
teynynge or belongynge, to other person or persons, bodies politique,
or corporate, that is to saie, to some of them in fee simple, to some others
in fee taile for terme of life, or yeres or otherwise. And after thesame pa-
tentees, for considerations therein mouyng, haue surrendred and geuen
by their saide letters Patentes into the Chauncerie, or otherwise the-
same letters Patentes, haue bene forfeited by attainder, lost, cancelled,
unbeciled, or by other waies or meanes, haue comen to the handes of
the kinges Maiestie his late father. And thereupon oft times, the enrol-
lement of thesame, hath bene made void & frustrate, some time in parte
and some time in the whole, by reason whereof, such persons, bodies po-
litique or corporate, as haue had interest, or title, in, or to thesame ca-
stels, mannours, or particuler porcions or percells of thesame so to them
geue and graunted, haue bene in time past, and in time to come, as lyke
to be disherited, or in daunget of losse of their interest, in or to thesame,
to their no litle hindetaunce and perill: For remedie wherof, be it orde-
ned, established and enacted, by the auctorite of this present parliamēt
that

that al and every person or persons, bodies politique or corporat, which lawfullie shall or make claime by force of any patent or patents, made sithens thesaide . iiii . date of februarie , or hereafter to bee made by the kynges maicstie , his heires or successours, kynges of this Realme, or by any of them, and all other that now have, or hereafter shall happen to haue, any good, or lawfull estate, right, title, rent, profit, interest, or possession, of, in, to or out of any honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes, or offices, or of other thynges, to any of the premises apperteynyng, or belongyng, or to any parte, parcell or membze of them or any of them, by, from or vnder any such Patente, or patents, or any of them, or by, from, or vnder the heires, successours, or assignes of them, or any of them, or by, fro or vnder the state of any others, which had, haue or hereafter shall haue the state, title, or interest, of any suche Patente, or patentees, or by any other meanes vnder the date of suche letter Patentes, shal and maie at all times hereafter, in any the kynges courttes his heires or successours, and els where, by vertue of this present act, make and conueie vnto them selfe title by waie of declaracion, plamte, auoutie, title, barre, or othetwile, aswel against the kynges highnes his heires and successours, and enery of them, as against any other person or persons, vnto thesaide honours, castels, mannours, landes, tenementes, offices, and other the premises, or any parte or parcell of thesaime, vnto the, or any their predecessours or auncestours, or others, whose estate thei haue in thesaime, by, from, or vnder thesaide patentes, or any of them or theirs, auncestours, or assignes of any of them, or othetwile, vnder the date of thesaide letters patentes, comprised and conteined in any exemplification or constat thereof made or to bee made, by the shewyng forth of thesaide exemplification or constat of the Rolle, or of so muche thereof, as shall serue for the matter in variaunce, vnder the great Seale of Englande . And thesaime exemplification, or constat of thesaide entollement, so as is aforesaide, pleaded and shewed, shalbe of like and thesaime force and effect, to al intentes and construccions in the law, as thesaide first letters patentes were, and should be of, if thesaime were or should be pleaded or shewed.

¶ The . v . Chapter.

20 An act, for the punishment of vnlawfull assemblies, and rispyng of the kynges Subiectes.



Orasmuche, as it is mooste necessary, in a Common wealth, to prouide that tranquillite and peace, maie be continued in the realme, and that all thynges bepyng contrary therunto, maye by foresight bee eschewed: Therefore it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes and Commons, of this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesaime, that if any

any persones, to the nombze of .xii. or above, beeyng assembled together at any tyme, after the .xii. daie of february next comynge, shall intend, go about, practyse, or putte in vze, with force of armes, vnlawfully, and by their awne aucthoritie, to murder, kill, slay, take or imprison any of the kynges moste honourable pryncy Counsaill, or vnlawfully to alter or chaunge any lawes, made or established for Religion, by aucthoritie of Parliament, or any other Lawes or Estatutes of this realme, or any of them. Thesame nombze of twelue or above, beeyng commaunded or requited, by the Shireif of the Shire, or by any Iustice of Peace of the same Shire, or by the Maior, Shireifes, Iustices of Peace, or Bailifes of any Citee, Borrough, or Toune Corporate, where any suche assemble shalbe vnlawfully had or made, by Proclamacion in the kynges name, to retier and repaire to their awne houses, habitacions, or places, from whence thei came, and thei or any of them, notwithstandinge suche Proclamacion, shall remaigne or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole houre, after suche Commaundement or request, made by Proclamacion, or after that shall willyngly, in forceable and riotous maner, attempt to do, or put vze, any the thynges above specified: That then aswell euery suche abode, or continuing together, as euery suche acte or offence, that after suche Proclamacion, commaundement, or request, had or made, shalbe attempted to bee doen, practised or put in vze by any persones, beeyng of the nombze aforesaid, shalbe iudged high treason, in all and synghuler those persones, that so shall make their abode, or continue together, or shall attempt or commit any suche act, and the offenders therein, their aidours, abettours and procurers, to be adiudged Traitors, to the kyng and the realme, and shall suffre execution of death, as in case of high Treason.

And furthermore, be it enacted, ordeigned, and established, by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that if any persones, to thesaid nombze of .xii. or above, after thesaid .xii. daie of february, shall intend, go about, practyse, or put in vze, in maner and forme aforesaid, to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast doune, or digge vp the Dales, Hedges, Diches, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Enclosed, or the Bankes of any fishe Pond or Doole, or any Conduites for water, Conduite Heddes, or Conduite Pipes, hauyng course of water, to the intent that thesame or any of them, from thencefurth should remain open, not inclosed or boyde, or vnlawfully to haue Common, or waite in thesaid Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Inclosed, or in any of them, or to destroy the Dere, in any maner of Parkes or Parke, or any Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douchouses, or any fishe in any Pond or Doole, or to pull or cut doune, any houses, barnes, milles, or Bayes, or to burne any Stacks of Corne or Grain, or to abate, defalke, or diminishe the Rentes or yerely value of any Manours, Landes or Tenementes, or the pryncie of any Victuall, Corne or Grain, or

any other thyng, vsuall for the sustenaunce of men: and beyng required or commaunded, by any Justice of peace, or by the Shiref of the countie, or by the Shiref Bailife or Bailifes, or other hed officers of any hed Citee, or Toun Corporat, where suche assemble shalbe had, by Proclamacion, to bee made in the Kynges name, to retier or retorne, in peaceable maner to their Habitacions, Places and Houses, from whence they came, and they or any of them, notwithstandinge suche Proclamacion, shall remain or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole howre, after suche commaundment or request, made by Proclamacion, or after that shall in forcible maner, attempte to do, or put in vze, any of the thynges laste before mencioned: That then aswell every suche abode, or continuing together, as every suche act, that after suche Proclamacion, commaundment, or request had or made, shalbe dooen, practised or put in vze, by any persones, beyng aboue the nombze of. xii. shalbe adiudged Felony, and the offendours therein to be adiudged Felons, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of Felony, and every of thesame persones, to lose the benefite of his Clergie and Sanctuary.

And also, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie abovesaid, that if any persone or persones, after thesaid. xii. date of february, unlawfully and without aucthoritie, by tynnyng of any bel or belles, soundyng of any Tromme, Trompet, Horne, or other Instrument whatsoever, or by tierpyng of any Beacon, or by malicious speakyng, or utteryng of any wordes, or makyng any ouertye, or by lettynge by, or castyng of any billes, bill, or wrytyng whatsoever, or by any other deede or acte, shall raise, or cause to be raised or assembled, any persones, to the nombze of twelue or aboue, to thintent that thesame persones shoud do, commit and put in vze, any of the actes or thynges, aboue mencioned, and that the persones, to the nombze of. xii. or aboue, so raised and assembled, after request or commaundment, had or geuen in forme aforesaid, shall make their abode, or continue together, as is aforesaid, or unlawfully perpetrate, do, commit or put in vze, any of the actes or thynges abovesaid, that then all and synguler persones, by whose speakyng, deede, act, or any other the meanes aboue specified, any persones to the nombze of. xii. or aboue, shalbee raised or assembled for the dooyng, committynge, or putting in vze, any of the actes or thynges aboue mencioned, shalbe adiudged for his so speakyng or dooyng, a felon, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of Felony, and shall lose his benefite of Sanctuary and Clergie.

And ouer that, it is ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persones, to the nombze of. xl. and aboue, after thesaid. xii. date of february, shalbee assembled together, in forcible maner unlawfully, and of their awne aucthoritie, to thintent to do, exercise, or put in vze, any of the thynges aboue mencioned, or to do any other Traiterous, felonious, or Rebellionous acte or actes, and so shall continue by
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the space of two houres, that then euery persone, so beyng willyngly assembled, in forcible maner, and so continuing, by the space of two houres, shalbe adiudged a Traytor to the kyng, and to the realme, and shal suffer execution of death, as in case of high treason.

And also, that if any wife or seruaunt of any of thesame persones, or any other persone whatsoeuer, shall willyngly and without compulsion byng, send, deliuer, or conueigh any money, harnais, artillary, weapon, meate, bread, wyne, or other victuall, to any persone or persones, so beyng assembled, as is aforesaid, during suche tyme, as he or thei shal so be assembled, or be together, as is aforesaid: that then euery wife, seruaunt, or other person so byng, sending, deliueyng, or conueighyng any money, harnais, artillery, weapon, meate, Bread, wyne, or victuall, to thesame persones, so beyng assembled together, in forcible maner, or to any of them, shalbe iudged a traitor, to the kyng and to the Realme, and shall suffer execution of death, as in case of high treason.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctoritie abovesaid, that euery persone, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe attained, of, or for, any of the Treasons or Treason, aboue mencioned, shal bypon his said attaindour, forfeit his Goodes, Cattalles, Interesses, for terme of life and of yeres, landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as any persone attainted of felony, onely should, or ought to forfeit, by the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwise: that is to saie, the kyng to haue the yere, and daie, and wast, of suche Landes, and Tenementes, whereof any persone so attainted, shall at the tyme of the Treason committed, or at any tyme after, haue, an estate of fee simple, and also the goodes and Cattalles, reall and personall. And that the Lordes, of whom, thesaid Landes and Tenementes, or any parte thereof shalbe holden, to haue and enioye the Landes and Tenementes, holden of hym or theim for euer, in suche thesame maner and forme, as in cases of attaindor of felony, at the common lawe. And that euery persone, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe attained, of any of the Treasons aforesaid, shall forfeit the Landes and Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, whereof he shalbe seized, of any estate in Tail, or for terme of life or lifes, at the tyme of any suche Treason committed, or at any tyme after, during his life onely, and no lenger, onlesse the persone so attainted, shalbe thereof seized in his demesne, as of fee, at the tyme of thesaid treason committed, or at any tyme after. And that after the deceasse of thesame persone, so attainted, all and singuler suche persones and persone, as should haue had and enioyed suche Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, as any persone, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe attained, of, or for, any Treason aboue specified, shall fortune to be seized, of any estate in tail, or for terme of life, at the tyme of any suche treason committed, or at any tyme after, shal after the death of thesame persone, that so shall fortune to be attainted, haue and

entoye thesaid Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as though no suche attaindoz had been had, any law or blage to the contraty in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persones, aboue the nombze of two, and vnder the number of .xii. beeyng assembled together, at any tyme after thesaid .xii. daie of February, shall intende, go aboute, practise, or putte in vze, with force of armes, vnlawfully, and of their awne aucthoritie, to murder, kill, or slawe, any of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, or to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast downe, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Ditches, Wall, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke or other ground enclosed, or the banke of any fishe Ponde or Doole, to the intent that thesame, or any of them, from thencefurthe, should remaigne open, not enclosed, or voide or to haue Common, or waite in thesame Parkes or Parke, or other groundes or ground enclosed, or in any of them, or to destroye any maner of Parkes or Parke, or fishe Pond or Doole, or any Warrens or Warren of Conies, or any Douehouses, or to pull, or cutte downe any house, Barne, Mill, or to burne any stacks of Corne or gram, or alter detrahe, or abate the Rentes or yerely value, of any Manours, Landes or tenementes, of any the kynges subiectes, or the price of any victuall, Corne, or gram, or any other thyng vsuall for the sustenaunce or apparel of men, and beeyng required or commaunded by any Justice of the Peace, or the Shierif of the countie, or by any Mayor, Bailifes, or Bailief, or other head officer, of any Citie, or Coune Corporate, where suche assemble shalbe had, by Proclamacion, to be made in the kynges name, to retier, or returne to their habitacions, places, or houses, and thei so required, by suche Proclamacion, shall not so dooe, but after that, shall in forcible maner, in forme aforesaid, attempte to do, or put in vze, any of the thynges last aboue mencioned: that then euery of thesame persones, beeyng aboue the nombze of two, and vnder the nombze of .xii. shall suffer imprisonment, of his or their bodies, by the space of one yere, without baill or mainprise, and shall make fine and ransome, at the kynges wil and pleasure. And also, that if any persone or persones, at any tyme after thesaid .xii. daie of February, shalbe trespased or hurted, by the doyng, committing, or putting in vze, of any vnlawful act, or thing aboue mencioned: That then all and synghuler persones, so dampnified or hurte, shall recouer and haue dammages, with the costes of their suite, sustained in that behalfe, trebled against the offendours therein.

AND forsomuche, as suche euill disposed persones, whiche of late tyme made Commocions and Rebellion, in certain places, within this Realme, beeyng but fewe in nombze, at suche tyme, as thei did begin thesame commocion, were not in shorte tyme, after the beginning thereof, suppressed by strength, for that the kynges loupng Subiectes, for feare to incurre in daunger of the lawes of this realme, durste not take vpon theim

theim so to do, a greate nombze of euill disposed persones, did come and ioyne themselves, to thesaid small nombze, whereby thesame euill disposed persones, toke vpon them suche boldnes, that thei would not be reduced to obedience, without muche bloudshed, to the greate daunger, of the kynges Maiesties persone, where, if the kynges louyng subiectes, durst haue taken vpon them, to haue suppressed them at the beginning, suche inconuenience and bloudshed, should not haue folowed: therefore, it is also ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persones, aboue the number of twoo, that at any tyme, after thesaid. xii. daie of february, shalbe vnlawfully, and of their awne aucthoritie, assembled together, to the intent with force and armes, to dooe, practise, or put in vze, any of the thynges aboue mencioned, that then it shalbe lawfull, to euery Justice of Peace, and to euery Shiref, in any Countie, beeyng within the kynges Dominions, and to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer of any Citie, or Coune Corporate, for the tyme he shalbe in Office, or any other persone or persones, hauyng the kynges Commission, or Letters from his highnes, or his priuey counsaill, aswell to raise and assemble the kynges louyng subiectes, in manner of warre to be arraigned, in suche greate nombze, as he or thei, then shall thynke mete or able, to the intent, by violence and strength to suppress, apprehend, and take thesaid persones, that so shalbe vnlawfully assembled. And that if thesaid persones, so vnlawfully assembled, after suche commaundement, or request by Proclamation or otherwise made, shall continue together, and not endeuour themselves, to retorne towarde their habitacions, houses, or places, fro whence thei came, in suche short tyme, as thei maie conueniently: that then it shalbee lefull to euery Justice of Peace, Shiref, and also to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed Officer, of any Citie, or Coune Corporate, and to euery other persone, hauyng aucthoritie, as is aforesaid, after suche commaundement, or request by Proclamation made, and to suche persones, as shalbee assembled, with any Justice of Peace, or Sherefe, or with any Maior, Bailife, or other hed Officer of any Citie, or Coune Corporate, and with euery other persone, hauyng aucthoritie, as is aforesaid, to suppress, apprehend, and take those persones, so vnlawfully assembled, whiche after suche request made, shall continue together, and not endeuor themselves to retorne, towarde their habitacions, or places fro whence thei came. And that if thesaid persones, so vnlawfully assembled together, or any of theim shall fortune to be killed, slain, maimed, or hurte, in, or aboute the suppressyng, or takyng of them: that then euery suche Justice of Peace, Shiref, Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer, and euery other persone, hauyng aucthoritie, as is aforesaid, and all and synghuler persones, by hym or theim assembled, shalbee free, discharged, and vnpunishable, as well against the kyng, as against all and euery other persone and persones, of, for, or concernyng the killyng, slayng, maimyng, and hurtynge

of any persone or persones, so vnlawfully assembled, that shall fortune to be killed, slain, maimed or hurte, about, or by occasion of suppressyng or takyng of them.

And furthermore, bee it enacted, by auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery Copiholder, or Customary holder, beyng artificer, husbandman, or laborer, and beyng of the age of. xliii. yerres or moze, and vnder the age of. lx. yerres, not sicke, impotent, lame, maimed, ne haupng any other iust, or reasonable excuse, or cause to the contrary, and beyng required by the Shirefe, Justice, or Justices of Peace, or other haupng auctoritie by this acte, or by Commission, or Letters, as is abouesaid in that behalfe, (thei declaryng their said auctoritie) or beyng required, by the immediate lord or lordes, of whom, suche Copiholdes, or customary holdes, then shalbe holden, to serue the Kynges Maiestie, for any the causes aboue rehcered, & refuse so to do, shall onely duryng the life, of suche persone or persones, so refusyng, forfeite and lose, to his or their Lord or lordes, of whom suche Copie or Customary holdes, then shalbee immediatly holden, and should bee holden, duryng the life of suche persone or persones so refusyng, in case he or thei had not so refused, all their Copiholdes, and Customarie holdes. And that it shalbee lawfull, to euery suche Lord or lordes, their Heires or Assignes, of whom suche Copie holdes, or Customary holdes, shalbee immediatly holden, and should haue been holden, in case suche person or persones, had not so refused, by vertue of this present acte, to entre and take into his or their handes and possession, all suche Copie holdes, and Customary holdes, so holden of them, or any of them immediatly: and to reteigne thesame, duryng onely the life of euery suche offendoure or offendoures, in suche maner and forme, as he or thei should haue had the rentes or seruices, of suche Copie hold, and Customary holde, in case suche persone or persones so refusyng, had not refused. And that all and euery Fermor, beyng a yoman, husbandman, artificer, or laborer, and beyng of thage of. xliii. yerres or moze, and vnder the age of. lx. yerres, not sicke, impotent, lame, maimed, ne haupng any other iuste or reasonable excuse, or cause to the contrary, and beyng required by the Shirefe, Justice, or Justices of the Peace, or other, haupng auctoritie by this act, or by Commission or letters, as is aforesaid, in this behalfe (thei declaryng their said auctoritie) or beyng required by their Landelorde or landelordes, for the tyme beeyng, to whom the Rentres of suche Fermes, shalbee then rispyng, commyng or growyng, to serue the Kynges Maiestie, for any the causes aboue rehcered, and refuse so to doo, shall duryng onely the life, of suche Fermoure or Fermours so refusyng, forfeit and lose, to suche landlorde and landlordes, as should haue had the rentes, of suche Fermours, duryng the life and lifes, of suche person and persons so refusyng, all their said Fermes. And that it shalbe lefull, to euery suche Landelorde and Landelordes, their Heires and Assignes, to whom, the Rentres of suche Fermes.

Fermes, should haue been due, during the life of suche persone or persones, so refusyng, in case suche persone or persones, had not so refused, by vertue of this present acte, to enter and take into his or their handes or possession, all suche Fermes, and to retein thesame, during onely the life, of euery suche offendour or offendours. Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that after the death, of euery suche Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, as so shall offend and forfeit, any of their saied Copie holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes, as is aforesaid, that then all and euery suche person and persons, as should or ought, to haue had thesaid Copie holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes, after, or by the death of suche Coppholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, in case suche Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, had not so offended, ne forfeited, shall and maie haue thesame Copie holdes, Customary holdes, and Fermes, by Entre, Accion, Admission, or otherwise, in like maner forme, and condicion, and by suche waies and meanes, as thei and euery of them should, might, or ought to haue had, if no suche forfeiture, or offence had been had, doen, or committed.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, after thesaied. xii. daie of February, by open worde or deede, shall procure, moue, or stirre any other persone or persones, to arise, or make any Traiterous or rebellious assemble, to the intent to doo, exercise, or put in vze, any of the thynges aboue mencioned: that then euery persone so procuryng, mouyng, or stirryng any other, shall therfore be demed, and adiudged a Felon, and suffer paines of death, and forfeite his goodes, Cattalles, Landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felony, and shall also lese the benefite of his Clergie and Sanctuary.

And also, be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, whiche at any tyme, after thesame daie, shall be spoken vnto, moued, or stirred, to make any commocion, insurreccion, or vnlawfull assemble, for any of the intentes aboue mencioned, and dooe not within. xxiij. houres next after he or thei, shall be so spoken vnto, moued, or stirred (onlesse he shall haue a good and reasonable cause of excuse) declare thesame to one Justice of peace, or Shirife of thesaied countie, or to the Maior, Shirifes, Bailife, or Bailifes, or other hed Officer, of any citie, or Coune Corporate, where suche speakyng, mocion, or stirryng shall be had, shall suffer imprisonment vntill he shall be discharged, by three Justices of Peace, of thesame Shire, where the offence shall be, whercof one of thesaied Justices, shall be of the *Quorum*.

And it is ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie abouesaied, that if any persone or persones, beyng aboue the age of. xviii. yeres, and vnder the age of. lx. yeres, beyng able to serue, and not l.cke, lame, or impotent, shall be requited, by any Justice of the Peace, or any Shirif of any Countie, where any suche assemble shall be, or by any Maior, Bailife, or
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other head officer, of any Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporate, or by any other, by the commaundement of any suche Justice of Peace, Sherrife, Mayor, Bailife, or other head officer, to go with hym or them, to suppress the persones, unlawfully assembled, in maner and forme aforesaid: that then every person, so being able and required, do willyngly and obstinately, refuse so to do, shall suffer imprisonment of his body, for one yere, without baile or mainprie, and make fine and ransom, at the kynges will and pleasure.

Provided alwaies, and it is enacted, by the auctoritie abovesaid, that if the Kyng, shall by his Letters Patentes, make any Lieutenaut, in any Countie or Counties of this Realme, for the suppressing of any Commocion, Rebellion, or unlawfull assemble: that then aswell all Justices of Peace, of every suche Countie, and the Sherrifes, and Sherrife of thesame, as all Mayors, Bailifes, and other head Officers, and all inhabitants and subiectes, of any Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporate, within every suche Countie, shall vpon the declaracion of thesaid Letters Patentes, and request made, bee bounde to geue attendaunce, vpon thesame Lieutenaut, to suppress any commocion, rebellion, or unlawfull assemble, onlesse he or they, being so required, have any reasonable excuse; for his not attendaunce, vpon pain of imprisonment for one whole yere.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the order and forme, of the Proclamacions, that shalbe made, by the auctoritie of this acte, shalbee as hereafter foloweth, or with the like order, and wordes in effect, that is to saye: the Justice or other person, auctorised by this acte, to make thesaid Proclamacion, shall make, or cause to be made, an Oyes, and after that, shall openly pronounce, or cause to be pronounced these wordes, or like in effecte. ¶ The Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, chargeth and commaundeth, all persones being assembled, immediately to disperse themselves, and peaceably to departe, to their habitacions, or to their lawful busines, vpon the peines contained in the act, lately made against unlawfull and rebellious Assembles, And God saue the Kyng.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persones, doo, or shall molest, let, hynder, or hurte, any person or persones, that shall Proclaime, or goo to Proclaime, accordyng to the Proclamacion and order, made in the Statute aforesaid, whereby, suche Proclamacion shall not be made: that then all and every suche person and persones, so molesting, lettynge, hyndering, or hurting, and all and every suche person and persones, offendor or offendours, to whom, any suche Proclamacion, or Proclamacions, should, or ought to be made, to the intent aforesaid, shall incur, and be inlike, daunger, and suffer like pain or peines and forfeitures as aforesaid, in every of their degrees, as though the Proclamacion had been made,

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any clause, article, or sentence, heretofore in this act included, made to the contrary notwithstanding. And bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte shalbee openly red, at euery quarter Sessions. **SAVYNG** to the Bishop of Durlesme, and Bishop of Ely, and all other that haue Charter of the Countie Palentine, and to their successors, the yere, daie, and wast, in suche sorte, as by thesaid Charter thei had, or might haue had thesame, if this acte had neuer been had ne made: this act or any thyng therein conteigned, to the contrary notwithstanding. **SAVYNG** also, to all and euery persone and persones, and heires in tail, bodies politique and Corporate, their heires, successors, and exccutors, and to euery of them, other then to suche persone and persones onely, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed for any of the foresaid offences, of Felony or Treason, and their heires, or the heires of any of them, claiming by discent in fee simple, from them, or any of them, all suche right title, entre, interest, leasses, possession, rentes, condicions, proffites, commodities, and aduauntages, as thei, or any of the hath, or hereafter shall haue, or of right ought to haue, in, or to any Honors, Castles, Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, Woodes, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, or Hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or, in, or to any part or parcell therof, to be forfeited, for any of the offences aforesaid, as if suche attaindo or forfeiture, had neuer been had ne made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. **AND** sayng to all and euery body, and bodies politique and Corporate, and their successors, their liberties and franchises, in suche maner and forme, as if this acte had neuer been had ne made. This acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

The. vi. Chapter.

An act, concernyng the repeale of a braunche, of an act of Parliament, made in the last Session for buyng of Tanned Lether.



Where at youre Maiesties Parliament, holden at Westminster, vpon Prorogacion. the. xiiii. daie of Marche, in this present thirde yere of your moste victorious reigne, emongest other thynges it was enacted, that no persone occupieng the feate or misterie, of Coxar, Cordewainer, Sadler, Cobler, Girdeler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, or any other Artificer, should from, and after the feast of Michelmass, then next folowynge, sell, or cause to bee sold, or put to sale, any Backes or Hides, of any Englishe kynd, of tanned Lether brynought or in suche kynd, as he should buy thesame, (Calues skynnes onely excepted) vpon pain of forfeitynge for euery Hide, Backe, or pcecell of Lether, that he or thei should so sell, contrary to thesaid Statute. & sith the makynge of whiche act, great and innumerable incoeuientences hath, & hereafter is like to come therof. first, neither Girdeler, Cordwainer, Sadler,

Sadler, Palemaker, Bottelmaker, or any other artificer, using tanned leather in their arte, is, or shalbe able, at any tyme, at any instant, to serue the kynges maiestie, his nobles, lordes, and commons, either of Bootes, Shooes, Girdles, Saddels, Barchides, Hales, Cofers, Pottes, or other thynges made of leather, for that the moste part of that tuncers aforesaid, been poore men, not allwaies able to prouide store, of suche sortes of leather, as shoulde serue their turne, in makynge of suche thynges, as is before mentioned, but must of necessitie, prouide suche leather, one of them or another, as euer heretofore, thei haue accustomed to do, whiche now by force, of the extremitie of thesaid act, thei maie not do, whiche is vnto the greate hurt and hynderaunce, as well of the kynges Maiestie, as of his nobles, lordes, and commons, for that thei, and euery of them, be driven of necessitie, to buy their leather, of a fewe persones, whiche, been onely mere regratores of thesaid Leather, at greate, high, and vntreasonable prices, to the greate hurt of the common wealth, wherby thesaid artificers been not able, to afoorde thesaid wares made thereof, so good chepe, as thei haue doen heretofore. And also, by reason of the foresaid restraint or bondade, of the foresaid artificers, from buyng and sellng of leather, there is no man lithe that tyme, willing to sette, or put his or their children to be prentice, with any of the foresaid artificers: for that not onely thei, and euery of them, been brought in suche bondage, by reason of thesaid act, but also by the meanes whereof, are neuer like to growe, to any necessary substance, neither by the exercise of their said handy craftes, to susten the necessities, of their old age withall, and not onely that, but also in all cities, boroughes, corporate townes, thereby thei lose benefite and commoditie, of their Charter and Fredome: For reformation whereof, be it enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawfull from hencefurth, to, and for euery of thesaid artificers, or handy craftes menne, expressed, or named in the foresaid acte, to buye and sell, all maner of tanned leather, corried, or not corried, so that suche shalbe conuected, by suche buyer or buyers, vnto any kynd of wares, or other thynges, made of tanned leather, within this realme of Englande, or other the kynges dominions, any woordes, penalties, or forfeitures, comprised or specified, in the aboue remembred act, to the contrary herof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, shall endure but onely vnto the ende of the nexte Parliament.

The. vii. Chapter.

An acte, for the repeale of a Statute, made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry theight, touchyng the takynge of Wildfoule, at certain tymes of the yere.

Where



Here, in the. xrb. yere of the reigne. of your Maies-
ties father, of most famous memorie, kyng Henry
theight, an act was made, conteyning two bzaun-
ches, whereof, the one was against the takyng of
wyldefoule, betwene the last daie of Maie, and the
last daie of August, with any Nettes, or engins, v-
pon a pain limited there vpon, as in thesaid Sta-
tute, more largely dooth appere: forasmuche, as the
occasion of thesaid bzaunches, appereth sithen to haue risen, but vpon
a priuate cace, and that no maner of common commoditie, is sithen per-
ceiued, to bee growen of thesame, beeyng notably, by daiele experience
founde, and knowen that there is at this present, lesse plentie of
foule, brought vnto the Markettes, then was befoze the makyng of the
said acte, whiche is taken to come of the punishment of GOD, whose
benefite was thereby, taken awaie from the pooze people, that were
wont to liue by their skill, in takyng of thesaid foule, whereby, thei wer
wont at that tyme, to sustain themselves, with their pooze householdes,
to the greate sauyng of other kyndes of Victuall, of the whiche aide,
thei are now destitute, to their greate and extreme impouerishyng: Hu-
bly beseechen your grace, your Maiesties true and faithfull Subiectes,
especialy suche, as haue their places of habitation, nigh vnto the fen-
nes, that all that bzaunche, of thesaid acte, made in thesaid. xrb. yere,
of your graces said father of moste noble memorie, touchyng the ta-
kyng of wyldefoule, in maner as is abouesaid, maie be from hencefurth,
by your Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and tempozall, and the com-
mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of
thesame, repealed, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte, with all and e-
uery article, sentence, matter, peines, and forfeitures, conteigned, or o-
therwise mencioned, in thesaid bzaunche, as if thesame acte had neuer
been had ne made.

Provided, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that one
other bzaunche, conteigned in thesaid acte, concernyng suche persones,
as shall presume by daie, or night, willyngly to withdraue, purloine,
take, destroie, or conueigh, any maner of Egges, of any kynde of wild-
foule, from, or in any Nest, place, or places, where thei shall chaunce to
bee layed, by any kynde of wyldefoule, with euery Article, Sentence,
Matter, Paines, forfeitures, and Provisions, conteigned, or mencio-
ned in this said last bzaunche, shall stande in full strength, and effecte,
to all putposes, intentes, and construccions, as if this present acte had
neuer been had or made.

C The. viiii. Chapter.

C An acte, for the continuance of
the Statute of Sewers.

Where



Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster, by Prorogacion the .xv. date of January, in the xxiii. yere of the moste victorious reigne of our late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, among other thinges, one generall acte, concerning Commissions of Sewers, to be directed into all partes within this Realme, was enacted and made to continue and endure for twentie yeres, then next folowynge, as by the same acte, more at large it dooeth and maie appere. And forasmuche as the same Acte is thought good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of this Realme: Be it therefore enacted and ordeigned, by the kyng our soueraigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the said acte, and all clauses, articles, and provisions, in the same conteigned, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and to be obserued and kept for ever, in suche maner and forme, as shall and maie stand with the sequell and addicions, hereafter mencioned.

And be it further enacted and established, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all skottes, lottes, and sommes of money hereafter to be rated and taxed, by vertue of suche commission of Sewers, upon any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of our soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires or successors, for any maner of thynge or thynges, concerning the articles of the said commission of Sewers, shall be gathered and leued, by distresse or otherwise, in like maner and forme, as shall or maie be doen in the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of any other persone or persones: And that all Billes of Acquitance, signed with the hande or handes of suche collector or receiuer, as shall haue the collection thereof by the appointment of the said commissioners, or .vi. of the, shall be as well a sufficient discharge, to the Tenautes, Fermors, and occupiers of the same groundes, so to be charged, for the said some, wherewith their groundes shall be so charged, as also a sufficient warrant, to all and euery the Receiuors, Auditors, and other, whatsoever Officer or Officers, of our said soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires, and successors, for the allowance to suche Tenaunt, Fermor, or Occupier for the same, adding more ouer to this acte, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that suche and like fees, and none other, nor more, shall be at any tyme paid or demanded, for any Commission, or Commissions, or writtes of *deslinus potestatem*, hereafter to be sued out, or obtayned under the Seale of the Duchy, but onely suche and like fees as been mencioned in the said former act, to be paid in the Chauncerie, for Commissions and writtes of *deslinus potestatem*, to be obtained from the same Court of Chauncerie, adding moreouer therunto, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery commission and commissions, hereafter to be awarded for Sewers, shall continue and

and enduer for terme of .v. yeres, next after the tesse of such commission, onles thesame commission and commissions, shalbe othertwyle discharged, within thesaid tyme by superseas, any thyng or thynges mencioned, or conteyned in thesayd former acte, contrary to the addicions before mencioned or any of theim, in any wyse notwithstanding.

The .ix. Chapter.

An acte for bieng of rawe hydes
and Calues skynnes.



Of as muche as lether is growen to an vntreason-
able pryce, whereby the kynges subiectes are not a-
ble at this daie to prouide them selves, suche neces-
saries thereof made, as shoes, and bootes, and such
lyke, at any reasonable pryce as they heretofore haue
done, to the vtter empouerishmet of diuers the kyn-
ges louyng and obedient subiectes: whiche sayd
vntreasonable pryses of Lether, dothe onely growe
and tye by reason of the vnsatiabable desyre of diuers & sundry persons
being no Tanners, whiche dayly in euery market and other place doo
buy and regate grene hydes, in the heere and out of the heere to their
handes, to the intent to sell thesame to their oune lucre and gayne: Be
it therefore enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lord, the lordes, spiri-
tuall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this present parliament as-
sembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that no persone or persones
within this Realme, shall from and after the feast of the Annunciacion
of our lady next commyng, buy or cause to be bought any Calue skin-
nes or hydes in the heere or out of the heere, to the intent to sell agayn
thesame vntanned, Except onely suche person or persons as wil tanne
or tawe thesame, vppon payne to forsaite for euery skynne or hyde so
bought, to thintent to sell agayne, as aforesaid, .vi. s. viii. d. The one
halfe of whiche forsaite to be vnto our soueraigne lord the kynge:
The other halfe to hym or them that wyl sue for thesame, in any of the
kynges courtes, by byll, playnt or other lawfull proces, wherein no
protection or wager of law, nor yet any Cuiusque to the partie defen-
daunt shalbe allowed or admitted.

The .x. Chapter.

An acte for the abolishyng and putyng
away of diuerse bookes and Images.



Where the kynges moost excellent maiestie, hath of late
set forth and established, by auctoritie of parliament,
an vni forme quiet and godly orde of common and
open prayer, in a booke intituled The booke of comon
prayer, and administracion of the sacramentes, and other
Rytes and Ceremonies, after the church of Englande,
to be vled and obserued in thesaid church of Eng-
lande,

land, agreable to the order of the primitive church, muche more comfortable vnto his louing subiectes, then other diuersitie of Service, as heretofore of long tyme hath bene vled, being in the said booke ordeined nothing to be redde, but the very pure worde of God, or whiche is evidently grounded vpon the same, & in the other thinges corrupt, vntreue, vayne, and superstitious, and as it were a preparation to superstition, whiche for that they be not called in, but permitted to remayne vnde- faced, do not onely geue occasion to suche peruerse persones, as do impugn the order and godly meaning of the Kinges said booke of common prayer, to continue in their olde accustomed superstitious service, but also minister great occasion to diuersities of opinions, rites, ceremonies, and seruices: Be it therefore enacted, by the King our so- ueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all bookes called Antiphon- ners, Missalles, Gradles, Processionalles, Manuellles, Legendes, Dies, Portuallles, Pyrmers, in Latin or Englysh, Couchers, Journalles, ordinalles, or other bookes or writings, whatsoeuer heretofore vled for seruice of the church, written or printed in the Englyshe or Latin tongue, other then suche as are or shalbe set furth by the Kinges ma- iesty, shalbe by auctoritie of this present act, clearly and vterly ab- holished extinguished, & forbidden for euer to be vled or kept in this realme, or els where within any the Kinges dominions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he, she or they be, body politique or corporate that now haue or hereafter shal haue in his, her or their custody, any the bookes or writings of the sortes aforesaid, or any Images of Stone, Tymber, Alabaster, or earth, grauen, Carued or Painted, whiche heretofore haue bene taken out of any Church or Chappel, or yet stande in any Church or Chap- pell, and doo not before the last daie of June next ensuing, deface and destroye, or cause to be defaced and destroyed, the same Images, and euery of them, and deliuer or cause to be deliuered, all and euery the- same bookes to the Mayor, Baylyf, Constable, or Churchwardyns of the Towne, where suche bookes then shalbe, to bee by them deli- uered ouer openly within three monethes next folowynge, after the said deliuerie, to the Archebysshop, Bysshop, Chauncelloz, or Commissarie, of the same dioces, to the intent the said Archebysshop, Bysshop, Chauncelloz, or Commissarie, and euery of them cause them immediatly, eyther to be openly burnt, or otherwaies defaced and de- stroyed, shall for euery suche booke or bookes, wyllynge receyved in his, her or their handes or custody, within this Realme, or els where within any the Kinges dominions, and not deliuered as is aforesayde, after the said last day of June, and be thereof lawfully conuicted, for- feyte

saite and lose to the kyng our souereigne lord, for the first offence. xx shillings, and for the seconde offence shal forsaite and lose, beyng therof lawfully conuict, foute poundes. And for the thurd offence, shal suffre imprisonment at the kynges will.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any Maiors, Baylieues, Constables, or churchwardens, do not within thye monethes after the receipte of thesame bookes, deliuer or cause to bee deliuered, suche bookes, so by them receyued, to the Archebysshop, Bysshop, Chauncello, or Commissarie of their dioces. And if thesaid Archebysshop, Bysshoppes, Chauncello, or Commissaries, do not within fourtie daies after the receipte of such bookes, burne, deface, and destroy, or cause to be burned, defaced, or destroyed thesame bookes, and euery of them, that then they and euery of them so offendyng, shal lose and forfette to our souereigne lord the kyng, beyng therfore lawfully conuict, fourtie poundes: The one halfe of all suche forfaytures shalbe to any of the kynges Subiectes that will sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by Wyll, Playnt, action of debte, or information, in whiche action no Eslopie, Protection, wager of lawe, or other delay shalbe allowed.

And for better execution of thesame acte, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that aswell Justices of assise in their circuite, as Justices of peace, within the lymites of there commission in the generall sessions, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to enquire of the offences aforesaid, and to here and determyne thesame in suche fourme as they may do in other suche lyke cases.

Provided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende to any Image or picture, set or grauen vpon any tobe in any churche, chappell, or churchyard, onely for a monument of any kyng, Wyntce, noble man, or other dead persone, which hath not bene comonly reputed and taken for a sancte, but that al such pictures and Images may stande and continue in like maner and fourme, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made, any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that any persone or persones, may vse, kepe, haue, and reteigne, any Wynters, in the Englyshe or Latyn tounge, set furth by the late kyng of famous memoire kyng Henry the eight, so that the sentences of invocation or prayer to sanctes, in thesame Wynters, be blotted or clerely put out of thesame, any thyng in this acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The. xi. Chapter.

In acte that the kynges Maestie may nominate and appointe. xxii. persones, to peruse and make Ecclesiasticall lawes.

C. ii.

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Albeit the kynges moost excellent maiestie, geuen-
 nour and tuler vnder God of this Realme, ought,
 most iustly to haue þe gouernement of his subiectes
 & the determinacion of their causes, aswell ecclesia-
 sticall as temporall, yet thesame as concerning ec-
 clesiasticall causes hauing not of long tyme bene
 put in vre nor exercised, by the reason of the vsur-
 ped aucthoritie of the bysshop of Rome, be not per-
 fectly vnderstand nor knowen of his subiectes, and therfore of necessite
 aswell for the abolishing and putting to vtter obliuion, thesaid vsur-
 ped aucthoritie, as for the necessary administracion of iustice, to his lo-
 uing subiectes: It may please his highnes, that it may be enacted by
 his most gracious assent, with the assent of the lordes spirituall & tem-
 porall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by
 the aucthoritie of thesame, that the kynges maiestie, shal from henceforth
 durynge thre yeres, haue ful power, aucthoritie and libertie, to nominat
 and assigne by the aduyse of his highnes counsaill, sixtene persones of
 the clergie, wherof foure to be bysshoppes, and sixteen persones of the te-
 poralitie, wherof foure to be lerned in the common lawes of this Real-
 me, to peruse and examine the ecclesiasticall lawes of long tyme here
 vsed. And to gather, order and compyle suche lawes ecclesiasticall, as
 shalbe thought by his Maiestie, his sayed Counsaill, and them of the
 moze partie of them, conuenient to bee vsed, practysed, and set forth
 within this his Realme, and other his dominions, in all spirituall or
 ecclesiasticall courtes and conuencions. And if after suche nomina-
 tion any of the persones so to be nominated, happen to die, that then
 his hyghnes by the aduyse of his sayed counsaill, durynge thesayd thre
 yeres, shal haue full power and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme to
 nominate and assigne other in their places to supply thesayd number
 of two and thirtie persones. And that thesayd two and thirtie persons
 so nominat, as is aforesaid, at all tymes from tyme to tyme durynge
 thesayd thre yeres, shal haue full power and aucthoritie to assem-
 ble themselves by his hyghnes commaundement, for the perfit collec-
 tion, compplyng and orderynge of thesayd lawes. And be it also enac-
 ted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that suche lawes ecclesiasticall so com-
 pyled, gathered and ordered by thesayd two and thirtie persones or
 the moze nombze of them, and set forth, published and declared by the
 kynges maiesties proclamation, with thesayd aduyse vnder his high-
 nes great Seale, shal by vertue of this present acte, be onely taken
 reputed, practysed, and put in vre for the kynges ecclesiasticall lawes
 of this realme, and no other, any lawe, statute, vsage or prescription, to
 the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctho-
 ritie aforesaid, that no maner of persone or persones, shal at any tyme
 hereafter

hereafter inturre, or bee in any contempt, payne, forfaiture or losse, or in daunger of any accion, or suite of premunite, by meane or occasion of Executynge or puttyng in Exerccyle of any lawes or matter, whiche shalbe deuised by thesaied twoo and thyrty, or the moze parte of them and set forth by Proclamation vnder the great Seale of Englande, or for holdyng of any mannet of Plee, or makynge of any Proses, touchyng or concernyng any suche lawes or matter, any estatute, law or Custome, to the contrary in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provided also and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie abovesaid, that al and every ecclesiastical Judge, and minister that shal execute, any thyng by vertue of any suche Lawes, so to bee set furth, as is abovesayd, shall from tyme to tyme obey the Kynges wyrt and wyrtes, of prohibition of attachement, vppon prohybicion and Inducement, and not to procede contrary to the tenour of suche wyrt or wyrtes, in suche and thesame manner, fourme, and condicion as they haue or ought to haue done befoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, or bee interpreted, to geue any aucthoritie to thesaide two and thyrty persones, or to the moze nombre of them, or to the Kynges highnes, for to cōpyle, stablyshe, publishe, or set furth, any ecclesiasticall lawe repugnant or contrary to any common Lawe or Statute of this Realme, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

C The. xii. Chapter.

An Acte for the orderynge of Ecclesiasticall Ministers.



IN asmuche as concorde and vnittie to bee had within the Kynges Maiesties Dominions, it is requisite to haue one vniforme fashon and maner, for makynge and consecratyng of Bysshoppes, Priestes, Deacons, or Ministers of þe Churche: Be it therfore enacted, by the Kynges hyghnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spiritual and Tempozall, and the Comynons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, That suche forme and maner of makynge, and consecratyng, of Archebysshoppes, Bysshoppes, Priestes, Deacons, and other Ministers of the churche,

as by syr Prelates, and six other men of this Realme, learned in Goddes lawe, by the kynges Maiestie, to be appointed and assygned, or by the moost nombze of them shalbe deuised for that purpose, and sett furth vnder the greate Seale of Englande, befoze the firste daye of Aprill next commyng, shall by vertue of this present acte, be lawfully executed and vled, and none other: any estatute, lawe, or vsage to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

C The. xiii. Chapter.

C In act, for the restitution in bloud,
of sir Willjam Sharyngton
knyght.



Here, sir Willjam Sharyngton knight, aswell by the Courte of the Common Lawe of this Realme of Englande, as by acte of parliament, was lately attainted of hygh Treason, & other offences, by reason whereof, he is depriued, and disabled in bloud, and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioy suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, as should or might, come, discende, remain, or reuert to him, from any his lineall, or collateral auncetoz, or auncetors, to whom, he should or might bee heire in bloud. And where our souereigne Lorde the King, that now is, of his habundaunt clemencie, pitie, charitie, especial grace and mere motion, and by thaduise of his honozable counsaill, by his graces letters Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, bearyng date at Westmynster, the fyft daie of Nouember, in the thyrde yere of his reigne, hath pardoned, remitted, and released, vnto thesaied sir Willjam Sharyngton, by the name of Willjam Sharyngton, late of London knight, otherwile called, Willjam Sharyngton, of London knight, otherwile called, Willjam Sharyngton knight, otherwile called, Willjam Sharyngton of Laycoke, in the Countie of Wilteshire knight, or by what other name, or surname, or addicion of name, or surname, he were knowen or called, all hygh Treasons and offences, committed and doen by hym, befoze thesaied fift daie of Nouember, as by thesame letters pattents of pardō, more plainly appereth. Our said souereigne lord the kyng, at the humble petition and sute, of thesaied sir Willjam Sharyngton, is pleased, and contented, that it be enacted, and establisshed by his hyghnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that thesaied sir Willjam Sharyngton, shalbe clerely pardoned,

tours, or Administratours, in suche thesame in lyke Manner fourme and condicion, to all intentes, Construccions and Purposes, as if thesaid Sir Willjam Sharpyngton, should or might haue done if he had neuer bene attaynted.

And be it further enacted by the authozitie aboue saied, that the said Sir Willjam Sharpyngton, shall haue and enioye all suche fredomes, Lyberties, fraunchyses, and Priuileges, within the City of London, and els where, aswell within the Realme of Englande, as without, as he had, and enioyed, before the said Attcindour or Attcindours, in suche sorte, fourme and condicion as he had & enioyed, or of right ought or might haue had, or enioyed thesame, if thesaid atcindour or attcindours, or any of the had not bene had nor made, any forfaiture, Judgement, Lawe, Statute, Usage, Custome, Priuilege, or other thyng to the contrary notwithstanding.

C The. iiii. Chapter.

C An acte for the restitution in bloud of Mary Seymour, Daughter to Sir Thomas Seymour knight, lord Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of Englande.



In mooste humble wyse sheweth vnto your hyghnes, your faithful subiect, Mary Seymour, daughter of Sir Thomas Seymour, knyght, late lord Seymour of Sudley, and late high Admirall of England, begotten of the body of Quene Katharine late Quene of England, and late wife to thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, and before that wife to your moost noble father of moost famous memoire king henry theight. That where as thesaid Thomas lord Seymour by authozitie of your highnes court of patliament, holden at Westminster, in the second yere of your most noble reigne, was iustly attainted of high treason, and by reason thereof your said subiect standeth and is a persone in her bloud and lynesage corrupted: It may please your highnes, of your most noble and habundant grace, that it may be at the humble peticion of your said subiect ordeined, established, and enacted, by your highnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present patliament assembled, and by authozitie of thesame, that your said subiect

and her Heyres may bee and shalbe, by aucthoritie of this Acte, restored and enhabled only in Bloud, as Daughter and Heire and Heyres, too thesayed Thomas Lorde Seymour. And that your sayed Subiecte and her Heyres, from henceforth may and shalbe Enhabled too Demaunde, Aske, haue holde and enioye, all and euery suche Honours, Castels, Mannours, Lordshippes, Hundzedes, Fraunchyses, Lyberties, Priuileges, Iduousons, Nominacions, Presentacions, Rynghes fees, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, Remainders, Portions, Annuities, Pencions, Rynghes, and all Manner of Hcedytamentes, wyth their Appurtenaunces, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall come, Remayne, Discende oz Reuert, from any Collaterall Auncelour of youre sayed Subiecte, other then suche Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, Remaynders, Portions, Annuyties, Pencions, Rynghes, and all Manner of Hecedytamentes, wyth theyr Appurtenaunces, whyche were of thesayed Thomas Lorde Seymour her father in Possession, Reuercion, Remaynder, oz otherwyle the daie of the Attaindour of thesayed Thomas Lorde Seymour, oz at any tyme after the Treason by hym committed oz done: And other then suche Honours, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hecedytamentes, as your hyghnes was oz is intyled to haue oz myght oz ought to haue vpon any Offyce, found oz to bee founde, by force of thesayed Attaindour in suche thesame and lyke manner, fourme and condicion, to all intentes, Construccions and purposes, as yf thesayed Thomas Lord Seymour father to your sayed subiect, had neuer bene Attaynted, and as though no suche Attaindour of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, had euer bene had oz made.

And that your sayed subiect and her heires, may hereafter vse and haue any Accion oz Suite, and make her pedegre and conueiaunce inbloud as heire, aswel to and from her sayed father, as also to any other persone, oz persones, in likemanner, fourme and degrec to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as if thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, had neuer bene Attapnted, and as if no suche Attaindour were

were or had bene had the corruption of blood betwene thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, and your subiect, and her heires, or any acte of Parliament, or Judgement, concerning the attayndour of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, or any other thyng, whereby the blood of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, is or should be corrupted to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies & be it enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that this present acte or any thyng therein contained, extende not to extore or entyle your said subiecte, or any of her heires to any suche honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, whiche your highnes now hath or had, or is, might, or ought to bee, intituled to haue, by reason of any attayndour or attayndours, of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, nor shall extende to any Honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, reuerfions, Seruices, or other Hereditamentes, late of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour, whiche your highnes hath heretofore geuen, demised, exchaunged or graunted, to any person or persones, in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lief, lyues, or yerres, or at will: But that alliche Honours, Castels, lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuerfions, Seruices, and Hereditamentes, whiche your highnes hath geuen, demised, exchaunged, or graunted, as is aforesaid, shall stand, remaine, abyde, and continue in thesame estate, force, degree, and condicion, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as they and euery of them, were before the makynge of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Sauynge to all and euery other person and persones, bodys politique or corporat, their heires and successors, and to the heires and successors of euery of them, al such estate, possession, right, title, interest, reuerfion, remainder, leasse and leasses, claime, condicion, commons, and all other profittes and commodities, as they haue or ought to haue, out, in, or to the premises, or any parte or parcel thereof, as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

And your sayd subiect shall dayly praye to God for your moste noble grace in honour long to continue.

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The. xv. Chapter.

An acte agaynst fonde and Phantasticall Prophecies.



Here nowe of late sythens the prouocation of the last Cession of this present parliament, dyuers euill disposed persones, myndyng to stirre and moue sedition, disobedience and rebellion, haue of their peruerse myndes, feyned, ymagined, inuented, published, and practysed, diuerse phantasticall and fond prophecies, concerning the Kinges maiestie and dyuers honozable persones, Gentlemen, and Commons, of this Realme, to the greate disturbaunce and peryll of the kynges maiestie and thys his realme: For remedy therof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that if any persone or persones after the first day of February next commyng, do set forth in wytyng, prynting, syngyng, speakyng, and publish or therwyle declare, to any persone or persones, any phantasticall or false prophete, vpon occasyon of any Armes, fieldes, beastes, foules, Badges, and suche other lyke thynges, accustomed in Armes, Cognisaunces, or Signetes, or by reason of any tyme, yere or daye, name, Bloudshed or warre, to the intent thereby to make any rebellyon, insurrection, dissencion, losse of life or other disturbaunce, with in this realme or other the kynges dominions: That then euery suche persone, thereof being lawfully indicted, and conuicted, according to the due course of the lawes, for euery suche offence shall suffer imprisonment of his body, by the space of one yere, without baile or mainpryse & shall forsayte for euery such offence þe somme of .x. poundes

And if any suche offendoure, do after suche conuiction eftsones offende in any of the premisses, and be thereof lawfully indicted, and conuicted, by the due course of the lawes, that then euery suche offendour, shall for his second offence and conuiction, as is aboue said, suffer imprisonment of his body, without bayle or mainpryse during his life, & shall forseyt all his goodes, and cattalles, reals, and personals, the moities of euery which forsaitures shalbe to the kyng, & the other moities thereof to him, that shall or will sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, by accion, bill, plaint or informacion, in whiche case, no essoine, wager of lawe or proteccion, shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that al and euery iustice of assise, iustice of oyer and determiner, iustice of peace, shall haue ful power and aucthorite by vertue hereof, to enquire, heare, and determine al & euery offence, or offences aboue said, comitted, or done, within the limites of their comission, contrary to þe tenor & meaning of this act.

Prrouided alwaies and be it enacted, by thauctozitie aforesaid, that no persone nor persones, shall at any tyme hereafter bee impeched, for any

any offence hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to this Acte, onlesse he be therfore impeched, or accused, within fyve monethes next ensuyng any suche offence, by hym or them committed or done. And this acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

The. xvi. Chapter.

In acte touchyng the punishment of Vacabondes, and other ydle persones.



Forasmuch as it is notoriously sene & knowen, that vacabondes and beggars do daily encrease within this the kinges highnes realme into very great numbers, chiefly by occasion of Idleness, mother & rote of all vices, wherby do ensue continual thestes, murders, conspiracies and other sondry heinous offences, and partely for that the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme hath not bene put in due execution, & partely also by reason of the multitude of thesame (theretrenitie of some whereof, haue bene occasion that they haue not bene put in bre.) Therfore, and for diuerse good considerations it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of thesame, that the statute made in the first yere of the kynges highnes most noble reigne concerning Idle persones and vacabondes in certain cases, to be made slaues and so forth, and all and euery article, matter, prouiso, bzaunche and sentence therein contained, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, made frustrate, voyde and of none effecte.

And that the statute concerning how aged and impotent persones should be ordred for their better Reliefe, and howe vacabondes and strong beggars should be punished, made in the. xxii. yere of the late kyng of moost famousse memozy kyng Henry the eight, and euery matter, article, prouiso, bzaunche and sentence therein contained, to be from henceforth reuiued, made good and stande in full strength and vertue, and shall continue and remayne a perfect acte of parliament for euer.

And be it further enacted by the aucthozitie aforesaid, that all Justices of peace and euery of them within the limittes of their commissiō, and the Maiors, Shrieues, Bailieues, and other officers within their seuerall Rules and offices, shal within their seuerall limittes assemble together, and make their seuerall diuision, accordyng to the purpozte & effecte of this acte, at the next generall quarter sessions of the peace to be holden after the feaste of Easter next to come, for the due speddy and dyligent execution of thesame acte. And that if any suche aged or impotent persone after the feaste of Easter next to come, shall offende contrary to this estatute, that then thesame offendour shalbe vled and punished, as in thesame Estatute of the. xxii. of kyng Henry theight, is prouided.

provided. And that before the feast of Easter no punishment shalbe put in execution against any suche impotent, lame and aged persone, but onely by the discrecion of the next iustice of peace of thesame Shire where suche offendour shalbe apprehended, any thyng in thesaid acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the avoiding of the idle loytering of common labourers of husbandrie, within this Realme: Be it enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that suche common labourers being persones able in body, using loytering, and refusing to worke, for suche reasonable wages as is mooste commonly gotten in the parties where suche persons shal dwell, shalbe for every such tyme as he or they refuse to labour, having reasonable wages as is aforesaid, adjudged vacabondes, and shalbe punished as strong and mighty vacabondes in suche maner and fourme, as is declared in thesaid acte of. xxi. against vacabodes. And touching maymed, lamed and soze, aged and impotent persones, whiche resorteth to the cite of London, and to other Cities, Townes and Villages, on begging: Be it enacted by the authortie aforesaid, that all & synghuler Maiors, Shyries, Baylifes, Constables, or other heade Officers of any Cite, Towne or Village, to which such resort is or shalbe, shal before the feast of the Purification of our Lady next folowing, see all suche Idle, impotent, maymed and aged parsones, who otherwyle can not by their discrecions be taken for vacabondes, whiche were borne within thesaid Cite, Towne, or Village, or hath bene there moost conuerlaunt and abyding by the space of thre yeres, and now decayed, besotted and provided for of tenauntries, Cotages, or other convenient houses, to be lodged in, at the Costes and charges of thesaid Cites, Townes, Boroughe and Villages, there to be relieved, and cured by the deuotion of the good people, of thesaid Cite, Boroughe, Towne, or Village, and that they do not suffre after the tyme before rehersed, any other then suche as either were borne, or hath bene for the moost parte conuerlaunt, or abyding by the space of thre yeres, as is aforesaid in thesaid Cite, Boroughe, Towne, or Village, to remaine and begge abroad within the precinctes of suche Cites, Townes, Villages, or Boroughe. Except it be suche as haue letters, or are authoyised, or licensed by force of this act, vpon paine that every such Maior, Shyrie, and Bailieff, Costable, or other hed officer by what name soeuer he be called, suffering any person to begge within the precinte of his or their suche Iurisdiction, other then is before rehersed, for every thre daies, shal forfeite ten shyllinges, to whome soeuer wyl sue therfore, by byll, Informacion, or action of debt, in any Court of Record, in the whiche Sutes none esoyne, ne wager of lawe or proteccion shalbe allowed, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the authortie aforesaid, that the Maior of the Cite of London, and all other Maiors, Bailieffs, Shyries, Constables,

Constables, and other hed officers of euery citie, Boroughe or Towne corporate, and of euery other Towne and village, do with all conuenient speede by them selves, or their sufficient deputies, before the feast of the Purification of our Lady next comming, and so from tyme to tyme euery moneth once, make a biewe and examination of aged, impotent and lame persones, beggers, as be within the precincts of their Jurisdiction, and se all suche as were not bozne, nor hath bene for the mooste part conuersant and abiding by the space of thre yeres complet, or haue not letters and aucthorised, or licenced by force of this estatute, conueighed on horseback, Cart, or otherwise, as shall seme by their discretions, to the next Constables, & they to conuey thesame to the next Constables, & so from Constables to Constables, till thesaid persones be brought to the place where they were bozne, or most couersant and abiding, as is aforesaid, there to be provided for kept, & nourished of almes, as is aforesaid, vpon the paine that euery such Mayor, Shyrie, or Constable, hedborough, or other hed officers not making biewe, nor sending, or conuaying away, nor receiuing, or not providing, as is before appointed, accordyng to the true purpote, or meaning of this act, to forfeite for euery suche default ten shyllinges, whereof the one half to be to the kynges vse, & thother to the partie, that wil sue therfore in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by byll, Informacion, Action of Debt, in the whiche Suites none esoyne, wager of lawe or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any of thesaid aged, maymed, or impotent persons, of the Cities, Townes or Villages, where they were bozne in, or had their moost abydng, as is aforesaid, be not so lame, or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner worke, that then suche Citie, Towne, Paryshe, or Village do either in comen provide some suche worke for them, as they may be occupied in, or appointe them, to suche as will fynde them worke for meate and drinke. And yf they refuse of wilfulnes and stubbernes to worke, or do runne away & begge in other places, then to punish thesame accordyng to their discretions, with Stocking, beatyng, or otherwysse as shall seme to them conuenient.

Be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all leprouse & poze beddered creatures whatsoeuer they be, may at their owne lybertie remaine and continue in such houses appointed for leprouse or beddered people, as they now be in, and shall not be compelled to repayre in to any other countries or Places by vertue of his acte, any thyng therein conterned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that also it shalbe lawfull vnto thesaid leprouse, and beddered people, for their better Relief, to appoynte thei proctour, or proctours, so there be not appointed aboue the nombze of two persones, for any one house of leprouse, or beddered people, to gather the charytable almes of all suche Inhabi-

Inhabitauntes as shalbe within the compasse of foure miles of any of thesaid houses of Leprous and beddered persons.

Þrouided alwaies and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawful to the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or Lorde keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, at their discretions, to graunt comission vnder the greateseale of Englande, to every or any person or persons, that hath or shal haue, his or their houses, or barnes, burnt, or suche losses, or to suche as be or shalbe Leprous persons, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their Relief or for their ayde, and helpe, of hys or their losses, decaye, or hynderaunce, as in tyme paste hath bene vbled, any thyng in this act notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery Statute and act of Parliament, made for punishment of Vagabondes, Slaues, aged or impotent persons, or any of theim, and euery article, sentence, clause or prouiso therein contained, other then this present act and Statute made, and thesaid act made in thesaid. xxii. yere shalbe from henceforth vterly voide, repealed, and of none effect or force.

And for as much as diuers wemen and men going on begging, impotent and lame, & some able enough to labour, do cary children aboutes with them of tendre age, and some of foure. v. or. vi. yeres of age, or yonger or elder, whiche beyng once brought vp in ydelnes wyl hardely be brought after to any good kynde of labor, pein, trauell, or seruice.

Be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that if any child aboute thage of. v. yeres, and vnder thage of. xiii. go about wanderyng, as is aforesaide, or else alone, in case any maner persone, that is able to kepe any such child will take it, be it male or female, of & fro any such begger beyng the father or mother thereof, nouricier or keeper, whether thei be wyllyng or not, or without any such nourice, father, mother or keeper, by him or her self, wanderyng, and byng such childe so taken before one of the Constables of the parish where the child shal so fortune to be taken vp and at the next generall quarter Sessions to bee holden in that Shire nexte to the place where thesaide takyng vp shal fortune to be, present thesame in the presence of thesaide Constable, before the Justice of peac at thesame Sessions, and there in open Sessions promies to byng thesame childe vp in some honest labour or occupation, till the woman childe come to thage of. xv. yeres, and the man childe to thage of. xviii. yeres, if the master or maistres, shal chaunce so long to liue, that then and immediatly thesaid iustices of peac by their discrecion, shal adiudge by vertue of this act, thesaid child vnto the ages before specified, to be seruauant or seruautes, to thesaid person or persons, so takyng and promisyng as is aforesaid, such child to be vbled and ordred in all pointes according as the law and custome of the realme is of seruauentes without wages, to what labour, occupation or seruice so euer thesaide taker vp or master or maistres shal appoinct him, or her duryng thesaide tyme.

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And thesaide iudgement, shalbe entered by the Clarke of the peare in thesaid sessions in forme folowpng Memorandum, that at the sessions of the Peace holden at W. the daie .xx. one . J. B. of the Tounne of A. had deliuered to hym, accordyng to the fourme of the Statute in that case prouided. B. C. esteemed to bee of thage of vii. or viii. yerres, to bee ordred accordyng to the fourme of thesaide Statute.

And if it shal fortune suche childe so adiudged, to runne awaie at any tyme, ones or moo tymes from his or her Master or maistres, that then it shalbe lawfull for euery suche Master and Maistres, to take the saide childe agayne. and to kepe and punyssh thesaide chylde, in the Stockes or otherwise by discrecion, or otherwise at the libertie of suche Master or Maistres. to haue a warraunt from any Justice of peare in thesame Shire, where the childe so runnes awaie, for suche childe runnyng awaie or goyng awaie, as is prouided by the Statute labourers, for suche seruauntes as departe awaie from their Master or Maistres, wythoute a reasonable cause befoze the end of their tyme.

And that euery Justice of Peace, shal by force of this act haue auctoritie and power, to make suche warrant against euery suche persone so goyng or runnyng awaie, in lyke fourme as thei or any of them, maie do against any seruaunt, departyng oute of his Masters seruike wythoute licence or reasonable cause, and by force of thesame Warraunt the childe so runnyng or goyng awaie, to be taken and ordred in euery degree, as is prouided by thesaid Statute labourers for seruauntes departyng out of their Master or maistres seruike, as is aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if and as often, as it shal chaunce the father, mother, noyce, or other bearer aboutes of the childe, or any other person or persons, to steale or entise away any suche child, adiudged for a seruaunt, as is aforesaid, that then and so often it shalbe lawfull for the Master or Maistres, of thesame childe to be at his or their libertie to take an action vpon the Statute labourers, against euery suche persone so stealyng or entisyng awaie suche childe as he or thei might haue, by reason of thesaide Statute labourers against him or them that reteynes any mans seruike out of his seruike befoze theende of thesaide tyme, or else to take an action of Trespas against suche offendor, in whiche action he shal recouer his dammages, and treble costes of his sute.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if the master or maistres, to whom such child, as is aforesaid, shalbe adiudged to be seruaunt, be vnreasonable in ordryng and bringyng vp of suche childe, that then at all times vpon complainte made at the generall quarter sessions of peare, in the countie wher thesaid child shalbe, by two honest neibors of thesame place or tounne wher thesaid child shal fortune to be so vnreasonably ordred, if it shal appeare by honest witnes to the iustices of peare at thesame sessions the coplaint therof made shalbe true

true then the Justices of peace at their general sessions in the same shire where such complaint shall be made, shall by virtue of this act, have authority and power to discharge the said child, from his or their unreasonable master or masters, and appoint the same to some other honest master or masters, unto the said ages, to be ordered in every degree as the said child should have bene with his former master or masters, and that order and appointment to be written in the booke of the Clarke of the Peace, for the which entry the said Clarke of the peace, shall have iii. d. for his labor and not above, and in like manner shall have iii. d. and not above, for the first entry of the child, to be servant as is aforesaid, to be paid by the Master or Masters of the said child.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that if the woman child to be appointed a servant, as is aforesaid, bee married before her age of .xv. yeres, that then by that marriage, she shall be discharged of service, This act or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every Vagabond or Begger, being borne in any other Nation or countrey then this Realme, shall in manner and forme aforesaid, and upon the forfeitures and penalties before mentioned, bee conveyed from place to place, to the place or Marches next adjoining, to his or their native Countrey or to the next Port, yf there bee a Sea betwene this Realme and his, or their sayde Countreys, there to be kepte of the inhabitants of the sayde next Port in convenient labour from ydelnes, or otherwys, tyll they may bee conveyed over, and then at the Costes of the inhabitants of the sayde Port, yf theym selves shall not have wherewith, to be conveyed over into their native Countries.

20 The .xlii. Chapter.

An acte agaynst unlawfull hunting in any Parke, Forest, Chase, or other enclosed ground.



Here as in the first yere of your moste Gracious reigne, your maiestie in consideration of the greates obedience that your Subiectes then wer in, of your inestimable clemencie and tender loue borne unto the same, gaue your roial assent unto an act of Parliament, touching the repeale of certayne statutes, the penalties wherof seemed very soze, thynkynge moste godly thereby to wyne your sayde Subiectes to the continuance of their obedience, rather by loue then by feare: forasmuche as sythen the tyme of the sayde Repeale, your grace hath founde the experience thereof, to have hadde other Successe, then your mooste

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mercyfull meanyng looked for, and that suche insolencies, and Barbarous vntulnes, and disobedience, hath folowed thesame, as heretofore hath not bene sene, eyther in thys Realme, or else where. Amongest the whiche outrageous disorders, one hath bene vnlawful hunting, not onely in all your graces Subiectes seuerall groundes, but in your graces own parkes and forrestes, almost throught out the realme, so notably, as in some of your graces Parkes were slayne syue hundred Deer in a daye, wythin very fewe myles of your Maiesties cite of London, whiche vsufferable libertie eskappynge wythoute due punishment, hath bred suche a bold continuance of the lyke, as at this present bothe nyght and daye your graces Parkes and Forrestes, and the parkes also of others, are styll hunted, wyth suche a boldnes as vnneth it is taken for a faulte, to the greate disquietnes of your graces keepers, and the destruction of your Royall games, besyde the shame and dishonoure, that in other Realmes thereof is spoken. For reformation thereof, moste humbly beseechen your grace, your Maiesties moste humble and louyng Subiectes, that it maie bee ordeined and enacted, by your Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that aswell one Estatute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of Kyng Henry the eight, touchyng the wrongfull entree into any Forrest, Parke, or Chase, of the Kynges hyghnes, the Ducnes, the Princes, or any of the Kynges chyldren, for the tyme beyng, or in to any other grounde, of hys, or theirs inclosed, wyth wall, or pale, ordeyned or vsed for nourysshynge of Deer, as also one other Estatute, made in the Session of thesayde Parliament, holden in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of thesame late Kyng, touchyng the wrongfull takynge, kyllynge, or slepyng of any Deer wythin any Parke, Chase, or closed grounde, vsed for Deer, maie from the firste daie of Maye nexte commynge, bee fullie and clerelie reuyned, and that thesame Statutes with all and all manner of byaunches, articles, sentences, and penalties of thesame seuerall Estatutes, maie from thesame daie be in full force, strengthe and vertue, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as yf thesame Estatutes, or any of them had neuer bene repealed, thesayde Acte of repeale, or any other act or thynge to the contrarie in anywise notwithstanding. Thys Statute to endure the space of thre full yeres to bee complete and fullpe ended, from the firste daye of Maye abovesayde.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, that thys present Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned shall not in anywise extende to cause the wyfe of suche offendour or offendours, to lose any dower, but that the Wyfe and wyfes of suche Offendour, and Offendours, shall

shal haue suche interest and recouerie of in and to their Dowter of the Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, of suche offendour or offendours, as thei shoulde haue had, in case no suche attaindour or conuiccion had bene had of any the offences aforesaide. And that by suche attainder or conuiccion, the heire of suche offendour or offendours, shal lose no inheritauce, ne suffer any corrupcion of bloud, but shal after the death of suche offendour and offendours, inherite and be demed and adiudged as heire, and enabled as heire to suche offendour or offendours in suche maner and fourme, as if no such attaindour or conuiccion had bene had. Any thynge hercin contained to the contrarie in any wyse not withstanding.

CThe. xliii. Chapter.

CAn acte concerning Fee fees:
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last Session.



Here in the second Session of this present Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogaciō the iiii. date of Nouēbre, in the second yere of the reigne of oure moste dreade soueraigne Lorde the Kyng that now is. Our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng of his most godlie and vertuous disposicion, by thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in thesaide Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, allwell for the ayde and Reliefe of the pooze in the Cities, boroughes, and townes corporate of this his realme of Englande, and countrie of Wales, as for the execucion of other dedes of charitie and common wealthe there, ordeined and enacted, that suche Feefermes and somes of money paid for Feefermes, as by any Citie, Borough or toune corporate, within this his Realme of Englande, or countrie of Wales, or by the bodie politique or corporate officers or ministers of thesame, shoulde or oughte to bee due and payable to his Maiestie, his heires or successours, durynge thre yeres nexte ensuyng after the .xiii. date of Marche, in the yere of oure Lorde God M. D. xliiii. shoulde cease and not bee due ne payable to hys Maiestie ne his heires or his successours by any suche Citie, Borough, ne Toune corporate, ne by any the bodie politique or corporate, of theim or any of theim, nor by the Officers, inhabitauntes and Ministers of thesame Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or any of theim, and that thesaide Acte, shoulde bee to theim, and euery of theim and to the Successours of euery of theim, a sufficient Warrant and discharge against hys Maiestie, hys heires and Successours, for the re-

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 durynge thesaide thre y^{rs}. an. . that no procelles or other sute shold be
 at any tyme had or awarded against theim, or any of theim, oute of the
 Exchequer, or any other Courte for the arreages therof, for, or in any
 of thesaide thre yeres.

And it was then further prouided and enacted by thesaide auctho-
 ritie, that asmuch of all, and euery suche somes of money, as shold or
 ought to be due to the kinges maiestie, his heires or successours, by any
 Citie, Boroughe, tounne corporate within England, or Wales, or by the
 bodies politique of thesame, or by any the officers or ministers of the-
 same, or any of theim, durynge thesaide thre yeres, whiche might be ga-
 thered and collected of the Issues, fermes, and profittes, for whiche the
 saide feefermes shold haue be paide, in case thesame had not bene dis-
 charged by thesaide acte, shold be leuied, collected, gathered, paied and
 answered, as it shold haue bene, if thesaide acte, had not bene made,
 to be employed and bestowed in and aboute reparayng of walles, brid-
 ges, settyng poore people on worke, or other good dedes in euery suche
 Citie, boroughe or tounne corporate, where thesame shold so haue bene
 due durynge thesaide thre yeres, if thesaide acte, had not bene made by
 the discrecion and appointment of such commissioners, as the Kinges
 Maestie shold perticulerly aucthorise and appoincte for euery suche
 Citie, boroughe or tounne corporate, in suche maner and fourme, as the-
 same commissioners shold assigne, limite and appoincte, or as by such
 commission shold be declared or expessed, and not to the Kinges ma-
 iestie, his heires or successours in his Courte of the Exchequer, or in
 any other Courte or place to thuse of his Maestie, his heires or suc-
 cessours.

Neuertheles, for diuerse especial consideracions and weighty causes:
 Be it nowe enacted, ordeined and establisshed, by aucthoritie of this
 present Parliament, that thesaide former acte, concernynge thesaid fee-
 fermes and somes of money, and all articles, clauses and prouisions,
 concernynge the order, disposicion and paymentes of thesame feefermes
 and somes of money, or any of them therein contained, or of any Annuittie
 or somes of money, oute of thesaide feefermes and somes of money paid
 for feefermes, shall stande, remaine, and be in their full strength, power
 and effecte, onely for the first yere of thesaide thre yeres, contained in
 thesaide acte, and not otherwise, ne for any longer tyme.

And that thesaide acte of feefermes, and all Articles, Clauses and
 prouisions therein contained, touchynge and concernynge the remittynge,
 reteynynge, disposicion or payment of thesaid feefermes, or of any parte or
 parcell thereof, of and for the last two yeres, of thesaid thre yeres, shall
 utterly cease, determine, and take none effecte, any thyng contained in
 the same former acte, to the contrarie in any wise, notwithstanding.

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saide, that from and after the .xxiii. daie of Marche, in the present yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xlix. thesaide feeshermes, and somes of money paid for feeshermes, and euery of theim, shalbe due payable and answerable vnto the kynges maiestie hys heires and successours, at suche times and places, and in suche maner, forme and condicion, as is contayned in the letters patentes, constructions and purposes, as thesame, or any of the whiche might haue bene paid, or payable, before the making of thesaide former acte, any thyng therein contayned, to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by theauctoritie abovesaide, that all and euery patentee or patentees, and all other persons and bodies politique and corporate, their heires, successours and assignes, whiche by vertue of the letters patentes of the kinges maiestie, or of any his noble progenitours, or otherwise, at and before the making of the saide former acte, had or enioied, or lawfully should, or might haue had, or enioied, any Annuittie, or some or somes of money goyng out to be take or payable of thesaide feeshermes, or somes of money paid for feeshermes, or any of theim, shall and maie lawfully, claime, aske, demaunde, haue and enioie, such Annuittie or somes of money, as shalbe due payable and answerable to any suche Patentee or patentees, or any other persons or bodies politique and corporate, their heires successours and assignes, or any of theim, from and after thesaide .xxiii. daie of Marche, in thesaide yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xlix. at suche times and places, and in suche sorte, maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes as thesame annuittie or some or somes of money wer paid or answered at, and before the makinge of thesaide former acte, and in none other wyse, any thyng herein contayned to the contrarie thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

The .xix. Chapter.

An acte for the byng and sellyng of Rother beastes and Cattell.



It enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no persone or persones, at any time from and after the feaste of the Annunciacion of oure Lady nexte commyng, shall buy, or common and conclude to buy, any maner of Oxen, Steres, Rontes, Kien, heighfers, or calves, but only in the open faire or market where thesame shall happen to be brought and put to sale, and shall not sel the same againe on liue at and in the market or faire, where he bought the same, duryng the tyme of thesaide faire or market, vpon paine of forfeiture

ture of the double value of such catell bought or sold, contrary to the tenour of this present acte.

Provided alwaie and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull for all and every persone and persones, to buy any Oren, Steeres, Runttes, Kien, Heighfers, and Calues, or any of them, out of any open faire, or market, for his or their provision, for their household, teame, or dairie, at his or their wil, or pleasure, to be employed, and spent, onely in keepyng and maintenaunce of his or their houle, or for their Teame or Dairie, and not otherwise.

And be it further enacted, by the authoritie abovesaid, that no person, beyng a Butcher, and vying the craft or mistery of butchery, shall at any tyme after thesaide feaste buy any fat oren, steeres, rontes, kien, heighfors, calues, or sheepe, and sell or cause to be sold, thesame agayne on liue, vpon pain of forfeiture of every such Ore, Stere, Runte, Cowe, Heifer, Calfe or Shepe, bargained or sold contrary to the fourme of this present acte.

Provided alwaie, that all and every persone and persones, beyng a Bocher and vying the art and mistery of bocherie, shall and maie at his and their will and pleasure buy any fat oren, steeres, rontes, kien, heighfors, calues, and sheepe, or any of them, oute of any open feite or market: So that such butcher sell not, nor cause to be sold thesame agayne on liue, as is aforesaid, any thyng contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding. The one moitie, of all whiche forfeitures, shalbe to our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires and successours: and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for thesame in any of the Kinges courtes of Record, wherein no wager of law, essoine or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes. This acte to endure to the end of the next Parliament.

The .xx. Chapter.

An acte touchyng the repeale of a certayne braunche of an acte passed in the last Session of this Parliament, concernyng victual-lers and Artificers.



Here by a certayne act made in the Parliament holden at Westminster by prorogacion, the fourth day of Nouembre, in the second yere of the reigne of our moste dread soueraigne Lorde the king that now is It is enacted and established, that no person or persons, should, at any tyme after the first date of April then next ensuyng, interrupte, denie, let, or disturbe any free Mason, Rought mason, Carpenter, bricklayer, Plasterer, Joiner, Hardwearer, Sawyer, Tiler, Painter, Glazier, Lime burner, brick-maker

maker, tilemaker, Plummer, or labourer, bozne in this realme or inade
Dentzen, to worke in any of thesaide craftes in any cite, borough, or
tounne corporate, with any person or persons, that will retaine hym or
them, albeit thesaide person and persons, so retained or any of them, do
not inhabite or dwell in the cite, borough, or tounne corporate, where he
or they shal worke, nor be free of thesaime cite, borough or tounne, any
Statute, lawe, ordinaunce or other thyng whatsoeuer before had, or
made to the contrarie in anywise notwithstanding, and that vpon pain
of forfeiture of fyue pounde for euery interruption, or disturbaunce
done contrarie to thesaide Statute, the one moitie of euery suche forfei-
ture to be to the kyng, and thother moitie thereof, to be to him or them
that will sue for thesaime, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, by
bill plaint, accion of debte, or informacion, wherein no wager of lawe
essone nor protection, should be allowed, as by thesaide acte of Parlia-
ment amongs other thynges more plainly appeareth.

And forasmuche as in the cite of London beyng the kynges cham-
bre, and mooste auncient cite of this Realme, the artificers and craftes-
men of the artes, craftes and misteries aforesaid, are at great costes and
charges, as well in bearyng and payng of taxes, tallages, Subsidies,
scott, Lot, and other charges, as well to the kynges maiestie, as to the-
saide cite, and at many and sundrie triumphes, and other times for the
kynges honour: and that if forrens should come and worke amongest
them, within the liberties of thesaide cite, contrarie to their auncient
priuileges, that thesaime should be a great decaie of conuynge, and an im-
pouerishment, and dzyuynge awaie of the free men, being artificers of the
craftes and artes, and misteries aforesaid, within thesaide cite of Lon-
don, to the greate hurte or distruction of thesaide cite.

For reuocacion whereof, the kynges maiestie is pleased and con-
tented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliamēt, with
the assent of the Lordes Spiritual and temporal, and of the commons
in this present Parliament assembled, that thesaide acte, onely touching
the article and clause aforesaid, and all, and euery sentence and braūche
contained in thesaide acte, concernynge thesaime article, shall from hence-
forth be resumed, repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnichilated and viterly
made boide for euer. Any thyng contained in thesaide former acte tou-
chynge the clause or article aforesaide, in any wyse to the contrarie not-
withstanding.

20 The. xxi. Chapter.

CAn acte for the byeng and sel-
lynge of Butter, and
Cheese.



Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons, after the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady next commynge, shal buy to sell agayne, any Butter or Cheese, onles he or thei sel thesame again, by retaile, in open shop faire, or market, and not in grosse, vpon pain of forfaiture, of the double value of thesame Butter and Cheese so solde, contrarie to the tenour of this present act: The one moitie of al which forfaitures, to be to our soueraigne Lord the kyng his heires, and successours, and the other moitie to him, or theim that will sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courttes of Record, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that thesaide worde of retaile, mencioned in this act, shalbe expounded, declared and taken, onely where a waie of Cheese, or a barrell of butter, or of lesse quantitie and not aboue, shalbe solde at one time to any person or persons in open shop, faire or market, and that to bee done with oute fraude or couyn.

Provided alwaie, that this acte or any thyng therein contened: shal not extende to any Inholder or victailer, for suche butter or Cheese, as shalbe spent, or vitred by retaile, in any of their houses, any thyng contened in this act to the contrarie notwithstanding: this acte to endure to the next Parliament.

The .xxii. Chapter.

**An acte touchyng the retainyng
of Joinemen by diuerse
Personnes.**



Where as many yong folkes and seruantes of sundrie occupacions, beyng once oute of their apprenticeshodes, or their perely retained service, will not commonly be retained in service by the pere, nor labour in their Sciences, Occupacions or Craftes, wherein thei bee exercised or broughte vp, but at their libertie, by the daie, weeke or otherwise, worke by grete, to thuntent thei wil liue ydelie and at their pleasure, flee and resozte from place to place, whereof ensues moze inconveniencences then can be at this present expressed and declared

Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that no person nor persons, occupieng or vsyng, or that hereafter shall occupie or vse any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences of a clothmaker, fuller, Sherman, weyuer, taylor or Shomaker, shal after the
feast

feast of Pentecoste nexte commynge hithe or reteigne to worke in any of their artes, misteries, occupaciōs, craftes or sciēces, any person or persons, vnmarrid, as a Journyman, that is to saie, to worke or labour by the daie or taily worke, or by the greute, or for any time or terme vnder the time and terme, of one hole quarter of one hole yere. And that no persone or persones vnmarrid, shalbe hired or reteigned, with any of the person or persons aforesaid, to worke in any of the artes, misteries, occupaciōs, craftes or sciēces aforesaid, for any lesse time, then for the space of one hole quarter of one hole yere, vpon pain of euery person offending contrarie to this statute to suffer imprisonment for one hole moneth without baille or mainprise & to forfeit for euery such offence. xl. s.

And be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that euery Journyman of any the craftes, occupaciōs or misteries aforesaid, being required by any person or persons, vsing the misteries, occupaciōs, craftes or sciēces aforesaid, or any of them, to serue by the quarter of the yere, halfe yere or hole yere, vpon such resonable wages as betwene them shalbe agreed, & in case wher the parties can not accord, then for such wages as shalbe adiudged & decreed by one Iustice of the peace, maior, alderman bailife, portereue, constable or tithinge man of the shire, citie, toun, borough, village, hundred, wapentake or tything, where any such Journyman shalbe required, to serue as is abouesaid, and thereupon if suche Journyman refuse to serue in maner and fourme abouesaid, that then euery suche Journyman and euery of them so refusyng to serue, as is abouesaid, shall suffer imprisonment, by the space of one hole moneth, and shall at euery time so refusyng forfeit. xx. s.

And be it futher enacted, that all and euery person or persons, that shall haue.iii. aprentices in any of thesaide Craftes, misteries, or occupaciōs, shal reteine and kepe one iourneymā, & for euery other aprentice aboue the nōbre of thesaid thre aprentices one other iourneymā vpon pain for euery defalte .x.l. the one halfe of all whiche forfeitures, shalbe to the king oure soueraigne Lorde, and thother halfe to suche person or persons as will sue for thesame in any of the Kynges courtes of record, by bil, informacion, accion of debt, or otherwise, in which sute no essoyr, p̄oteccion or wager of law, shalbe admitted or allowed.

And it is further enacted by thauthoritie abouesaid, that al and singular thoffences abouesaid, which shalbe hereafter comitted or done contrary to the tenour of this present acte, shalbe inquirable and presentable befoze the Iustices of Oyer and determiner, Iustices of assises, Iustices of the peax and in all and euery leete or leetes, befoze the steward or stewardes there, and befoze any Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer, of any citie, toun, or borough corporate, & that thesaid iustices, steward, maior, bailife or other hed officer, shal haue ful power and auctorite fro time to time, to punish and correcte, al & euery person and persons, offendyng contrarie to the Tenour of this present act accordyng to suche presentment or presentmētes, as befoze him or theim shalbe had, or made

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Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thautoritie aforesaid, that al seruautes of husbandry vnmariied, and which haue not bene mariied, and al seruautes & labourers, vnto laboz in barges comonly called westerne barges, which are not, nor haue ben mariied, shall after the feast of the Annunciatio of our lady next coming, serue by the hole yere and not go by the day wages, vpon pain of such punishment as is contained in the Statutes made against labozers, and that all suche seruautes shall after thesaide feast geue their Master and Mastres a quarters warnyng, against his or their departtue oute of seruice, vpon the lyke pain, contained in thesaide Statute:

The .xxiii. Chapter.

In acte concernyng the release of the bzaunches in the last act of the Reliefe for the paymentes of Shepe and Clothes, and also a graunt of a Subsidy to be paid in one yere.



Moste humble praiyng the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, your moste excellent Maestie, that where in the last Sessio of this present Parliament vpon prorogatio begon at Westminster the .iiii. daie of Nouember in the seconde yere of your highnes reigne, and there continued vnto the .xiiii. daie of Marche then next folowynge, your humble and faithfull Subiectes the Commons, in thesaide Parliament assembled, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, graunted vnto your highnes, one Relief of .iii. s. of euery .l. of the goodes and Cattalles, of euery persone beyng worthe .l. and vpward, to be leuied and taken in .iii. yeres, in maner and forme as is mencioned in thesaide act And also one other Relief, to be take and leuied, for euery shere shepe, accomptyng thesame by the polle, after the rate, as by thesame act, moze at large it doth appere. And one other Reliefe, of .viij. d. of the .l. of the price and value of all and synguler wollen Clothes, to be taxed and leuied, in maner and forme, as by thesame act it is declared: Thesame seuerall Reliefes to endure, and to be yerely paid and leuied, durynge .iii. yeres, as by thesame foriner acte, moze largely it appereth: whiche Relief of clothe appereth now, so cōberous to all cloth makers, and also so tedious to thesame, for makynge of their bokes, and the accomptes thereof, by reason of lacke of the Alnogers, not alwaies present, when tyme requirerth, that in maner, thei are discoraged to make any cloth, or to set any mē on worke about thesame. And also, thesaide relief of shepe, is to your pooze cōmons, hauyng but few shepe in nōbre, a greate charge, and also, so comberous for all your commissioners and officers, named and appoynted for executyng of thesame, that thei can not tell, how to serue your highnes therein, accordyng to their duties:

It maie therfore please your highnes, with thassent of the Lordes Spi-
ritu. ll and tempoꝝall, and of your saied Commons, and at their moste
humble sute, that it be enacted, by the aucthoritie of this present Parlia-
ment, that the seuerall grauntes and clauses, mencioned in thesaied act
of Relief, concernyng, oꝝ touchyng, onely the seuerall grauntes of Reli-
fes to bee leued, and paied foꝝ Shepe, after the rate of the polle, and of
Clothe to be paied, oꝝ of any of them, as in the former act is recited, and
euery article, clause, pꝛouision, and sentence, concernyng onely thesame
seuerall grauntes of reliefes, foꝝ shepe and clothe, oꝝ either of the, shalbe
from thesaied. iiii. daie of Nouember, in thesaied second yere of your most
noble reigne, demed, & adiudged voyde, and of none effect, and to be vt-
terly repealed, to all intentes, construccions, and purposes. And that eu-
ery article, clause, and pꝛouision, mencioned in thesaied acte of Reliefe,
touchyng, oꝝ concernyng the Relief, of, and foꝝ goodes, to stande, and be
good, and effectuell, accordyng to the tenoꝝ of thesame act of relief. And
we your humble and obedient Subiectes, beseeche your highnes, that it
maie please your highnes, to take and receiue of vs, your said subiectes,
towards your inestimable charges, that you haue all ready susteyned,
and borne, and bee like hereafter to sustain and beare, foꝝ the Defence of
vs, and this your highnes realme and dominions, against the old and
auncient enemies of thesame, the Frenchmen and the Scottes, now be-
yng open enemies to your highnes, your saied realme and dominions,
this small gifte hereafter folowynge, not as any recompence, oꝝ satisfac-
tion to your Maestie, of, and foꝝ your moste bountefull, and liberall re-
lease, and discharge of your said humble subiectes, of, and concernyng
thesaied seuerall reliefes, of shepe and clothes, but as a token and know-
lege, of our faithfulness, louyng, and willyng hartes, towards youre
highnes, to bee alwaies ready, to beare with your highnes, to the vtter-
moste of our powers, in al your procedynges and affaires, as to the due-
tie of naturall and obedient subiectes, apperteigneth: that is to saie, we
your graces saied louyng subiectes, dooe by aucthoritie of this present
Parliament, frely, and of our good hartes and myndes, geue & graunt,
vnto your moste Royall Maestie, one other Relief, to continue by one
yere, next ensuyng the determinacion of thesaied three yeres, specesied in
thesaied former acte of Relief, foꝝ goodes, to bee rated, taxed, leued, and
gathered of euery persone, of what estate oꝝ degree he bee, accordyng to
the tenoꝝ of this acte, after the rate, and in maner and forme folowynge:
that is to saie, as well of all, and euery persone, as is, oꝝ hereafter shalbe,
your graces naturall subiectes, as of all and euery fraternitie, Gynge,
Corpozacion, Mysterie, Brotherhed, Compaignie, and Commonaltie,
Corpozate, oꝝ not Corpozate, within this realme of Englands, Wales,
and other the Kynges Dominions, beeyng worth the. x. pound of money,
Copie Plate, stocke of Parchaundise, Cozne, Grain, Shepe, Beastes,
cattals, oꝝ other goodes moueable, aswel within this realme, as without

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and of all suche somes of money, as to hym or them shalbe owyng, by the
of, he or thei trust in their consciences, surely to bee paid. xii. d. of
. l. And of euery Alien or straunger, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce,
aswell denison, as not deniso, inhabityng or resiaūt, within this realme,
or any other the kynges dominions, bepng worth. l. l. in money, Coyne,
Plate, Stocke of Marchaundise, Corne, Gram, Shepe, Beastes, Cat-
talles, or other goodes moucable, aswell within this realme, as without
and of all suche somes of money, as to hym, is, or shalbe owyng, wherof
he trusteth in his conscience, to be surely paid. ii. s. of euery. l. And of e-
uery Alien or Straunger, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, as well
Denison as not Denison, inhabityng or resiaunt within this realme, or
any other the kynges Dominions, beeping worthe. xx. s. and vnder. l. l.
in money, Coyne, Plate, stocke, of Marchaundise, Corne, Gram, Shepe
Beastes, Cattell, or other goodes, moucable, aswell within this realme,
as without, and of all suche somes of money, as to hym, is, or shalbe o-
wyng, wherof he trusteth in his conscience, to be surely paid. xii. d. of
euery. l. Except, and out of the premisses deducted, suche somes of mo-
ney, as any persone or persones, befoze chargeable owe, & in his or their
conscience, truly mynde to paie. And excepted also, the apparell of suche
persones, their wives and children, belongpng to their awne bodies, sa-
uyng Jewelles, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Pearle. Excepted also al-
waies from the charge Assessement, and painment of thesaied Relief, all
money, goodes and Cattalles of Orphanes, bequethed or left vnto the
by their parentes, or other their frendes deceased. And that all Plate,
Coyne, Jewelles, goodes, debtes, and Cattalles personall, bepng in the
rule, and custodie, of any persone or persones, to the vse of any Corpo-
ration, Fraternite, Gynpde, Mysterie, Brotherhed, Compaignie, or any
Commonaltie, bepng Corporate, or not Corporate, be, and shalbe rated
set, and charged, by reason of this acte, at the value certtified, by the pre-
sentors of the certificate, to bee sworne, of euery pounce in goodes and
debtes, as is abouesaid, and the somes that are befoze reherced, set and
taxed, to bee leued and taken of them, that shall haue suche goodes in
custody, as is befoze reherced. And thesame persone or persones, and bo-
dy Corporate, by the aucthoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against
hym or them, that shall, or ought to haue thesame, at the tyme of the pay-
ment, or deliuey thereof, or at his otherwisse departure, from the custo-
dy, or possession of thesame. Excepted, and alwaies forpyssed, from the
charge and assessement of this Relief, all Goodes, Cattalles, Jewelles,
and Ornamentes of Churches and Chapelles, ordeigned and vled in
Churches or Chapelles, for diuine seruice therein to be celebrated.

ALSO we the kynges maiesties louyng, & obedient subiectes, do geue
and graūt to your highnes. viii. d. to be paid in thesame pere, by euery
other person, not bozne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce, bepng Denison,
or not Denison, other then women couert, soldours, and suche persones

as be vnder the age of .xii. yeres, dwelling or resident within this realme
or any other the kynges dominions. And the said Relieues shalbe, by au-
thoritie aforesaid, taxed, assessed, & rated in the said yere, in euery Shire,
riding, Lathie, Wapentake, Rape, Citee, Borough, Towne, and euery
other place, within this realme of Englands, and Wales, and other the
kynges dominions, in forme folowynge, that is to saie, before the .xx. day
of January, which shalbe in the yere of our lord God. M.D.Li. and
the payment thereof to be had, made, & paid at the receipt of the kynges
Exchequer, betwene the first daie, and the xx daie of April, which shal-
be in the yere of our lord God. M.D.Lii. And the somes abovesaid, of & for
thesaid Relief, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered,
leued, and paid, vnto the vse of our said soueraigne lord, his heires,
and successours, in forme abovesaid, aswell within Liberties, fraun-
ches, Sanctuaries, auncient demeasne, and other whatsoever place,
exempte, or not exempte, as without: Excepte suche Shires, places, and
persones as shalbee forpyled, in, and by this present acte, any graunt,
Charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters Patentes,
or other priuilege, prescription, allowaunce of thesame, or whatsoeuer
other matter of discharge, heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vs-
ed, or obtayned notwithstanding. And it is further enacted, by the au-
thoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche persone, as well
suche as be borne vnder the kynges obedience, as euery other persone,
straunger borne, denison, or not denison, inhabityng within this realme
or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, which at the tyme of
thesaid assessynge, or taxacio to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme
and out of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattalles within this Realme,
or in Wales, shalbe charged, and chargeable for thesame, by the certi-
ficate of thynhabitauntes of the parties, where suche goodes, Cattalles
or other the premises then shalbee, or in suche other place, where suche
persone, or his factor, deputie, or attornei, shall haue his moste resorte
vnto, within this realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if thesame per-
sone were, or had been, at the tyme of thesame assessment, within this
realme, or Wales. And that euery persone, abiding within this realme,
or without this realme, shalbe charged, and chargeable to thesame Re-
liefe, graunted by this acte, accordyng, and after the rate of the value of
his substance, goodes, & cattalles, and other premises, as suche person
so to bee charged, shalbe set at, in the tyme of thesaid assessynge, or taxa-
cion, vpon them to be made, and in none other wise.

Provided alwaie, and be it further enacted, by the authoritie abovesaid, that all and euery Taxacion, and Assessment, of thesaid Reliefe
for goodes, or for any former graunt, or subsidey, heretofore had, made,
graunted, or taxed (forpyled, and excepted thesaid severall Relieues, for
Shepe and Clothe, and either of them) shalbee taken, iudged, and de-
med, of good force, strength, and effect, to al intentes, constructions, and

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purposes, and shalbe leuted, and paid to your highnes, accordyngly.

And bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie abovesaid, that the lord Chauncelloz of Englande, or the lord keeper of the greatesseale, for the tyme beeyng, the Commissioners in that behalfe, by the kynges Commission to be appoynted, and aucthorised, the presentors, the persons presented, chargeable, or taxed, Collectors, petite Collectors, Barons of the kynges Exchequer, Auditors, and all and every other person and persones, mentioned in thesaid former acte of Relief, shall by aucthoritie of this present acte, make, do, and execute al and every thyng and thynges, concernyng thesaid Relief, graunted by this present acte, as is conteigned, limited, and appoynted to them, by thesaid former acte of Relief for goodes, and vpon like peines, fines, amerciamentes, and forfeitures, and in suche, and thesame maner, forme, estate, and condition, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as thei or any of the are appoynted, might, maye, should, or ought to do, and execute by aucthoritie of thesaid former acte, touchyng the Relief for goodes, and as though every clause, article, sentence, and matter, mentioned in thesaid former acte, concernyng or touchyng thesaid Relief for goodes, were specially, and particularly recited, and mencioned in this present acte.

Provided alwaies, that this graunt of Relief, nor any other thyng therein conteigned, do in any wise extende, to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Irelande, Bullepne, and the Countie of thesame, Calice, Hammes, Gupnes, and the Marches of thesame, Jernesey, and Gernesey, Alderney, and Silley, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any goodes, whiche thesaid inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Bullepne, the Countie of thesame, Calice, Hammes, Gupnes, or other Marches of thesame, Jernesey, Gernesey, Alderney, and Silley, or in any of them.

Provided also, that thesaid graunt of Relief, do not in any maner of wise extende, nor bee prejudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes, or Reliauntes at this present tyme, within the true Portes Corporate, or to any of their membes incorporate, or bound to thesame true Portes, or to any of thesame true Portes, or to any of the inhabitauntes, within the libertties of Romeney Werthe, of, or for any parte or parcell, of thesaid somes, graunted in this present Parliament, of thesaid inhabitauntes, now reliauntes, or any of them to bee taxed, sette, asked, leuted, or paid, but that thesaid inhabitauntes, and now reliauntes, of thesaid Portes of Romeney Werthe, and their membes, and of every of them bee, and shalbee, of, and from thesaid graunt and payment, of thesaid Relief, duryng their reliauncie there, and not longer, acquitted and discharged, any matter, or whatsoever thyng in this present acte, made, or had, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present acte of Relief, ne any other thyng therein conteigned, extend to any of the English inhabitauntes, or reliauntes

strauntes, in any of the Counties, of Northumberlande, Comberlande, Westmerlande, the toune of Berwiche, the toune of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Duresme, nor to any of them, of, for, and concerning any Goodes, or Cartalles, whiche thesame inhabitants, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within thesaid Counties, of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Westmerlande, or the Toune of Berwiche, the Toune of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Duresme, or any of them, but that thei, and euery of them shalbee, of and for their goodes lyng and becyng, in thesaid Counties, Countes, and Bishopricke, or of any of them, vterly acquitted and discharged, any thyng in this present acte before reherced, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, ne any thyng thetein conteigned, shal extende to the goodes of any Colledge, Halle, or Oyle, within the Uniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the goodes of the College of Eton nexte Wyndesore, or to the goodes of any Reader, or Scholer, within thesaid Uniuersities, and Colleges, or any of them, there remaignyng for studie, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this acte conteigned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery Collectour, petite Collectour, and other persone and persones, that haue leined, gathered, or receiued, any some or somes of money, of any persone or persones, for the Relief of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of them, shal before the last daie of february next commyng, repaie and deliuer, to euery suche persone and persones, his, or their Executors, or Administrators, all and euery the same some and somes of money, so by them, or any of them receiued, vpon pain of forfeiture double the value, of euery suche some or somes of money, so by them, or any of them receiued, & not repaied before thesaid last daie of february, for the whiche forfeiture, the partie greued, shal, and maie haue his remedy, by action of debte, bill, plaint, or informacion, in any of the Kinges Courtes of Record, where no wager of lawe, esoyne, or profection shal be allowed.

Provided also, and bee it enacted, by thesaid auctoritie, that all and synghuler somes of money, as now bee, or hereafter shal be paid, by any Collectour, or petit Collectour, or other persone to the Kinges vic in his Receipte, or els where, for the Relieves of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of them, shal be deliuered and repaied, to thesaid Collectour, his Executors, or Administrators, at and vpon his or their request, in the said receipt, to the vses and intentes abouesaid, and that this act shal be a sufficient warrant, to the Officers of the Kinges receipt, to repaie and deliuer thesame, to thesaid Collectour, his Executors, or Admi-
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stratours, without any further, or other warrant to bee sued for, to the
 kynges highnes, in that behalfe.

Provided also, and been enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that
 this act of graunt of Relief, shall not extend, to any spirituall persones
 or persones, for any of his, or their goodes, or chattels. And forasmuche,
 as diuerse and sundery the kynges Maiesties tenants, and other the
 inhabitauntes and dwellers, within the countie of Denbroke, Carmar-
 then, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Den-
 bigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and of the Countie Pa-
 lentine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged & chargeable, with the
 severall paymentes, of diuerse greatesomes of money, (by the name of a
 Wile) due to his maiestie accordyng to the severall customes, of thesaid
 Counties, for the payment whereof, diuerse and sundery the gentlemen,
 and other inhabitauntes of thesaid Counties, be, and stande bound to
 his highnes. The kyng our soueraigne Lorde, is therefore pleased and
 contented, that it be provided, ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctoritie
 aforesaid, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned, shall not ex-
 tende to charge, any of the kynges maiesties Tenantes, and other in-
 habitauntes and dwellers, within any of thesaid Counties, of Den-
 broke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Mount-
 gomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and the
 Countie of the Palentyne of Chester, beeyng charged or chargeable,
 with thesaid Wile, for, or with any of the paymentes, of thesaid Relief,
 graunted to the kynges Maiestie by this act, or by thesaid former act,
 untill the severall daies and tymes, appoynted and graunted, for the
 paymentes of thesaid Wiles shalbe expired. And that the first payment
 of thesaid Reliefe, graunted by this acte, and thesaid former acte,
 shalbe made at the Receipte of the kynges Exchequer, before the firste
 daie of Maie, then next folowynge after the daie appointed, for the latter
 payment to be made, of thesaid Wile, and so perely, before the first daie
 of Maie, at the Receipt of thesaid Exchequer, untill the fourte severall
 paymentes of thesaid Relief, be fully made, in suche and like forme and
 orde, as is ordeigned and appoynted by this act, and by thesaid
 former act, for the kynges subiectes, concernynge thesaid Relief
 to be made at the Receipte of the said Exchequer
 accordyng to the tenor of this present act, and of the
 said former acte. This acte, and thesaid for-
 mer act, or any thyng therein, or either
 of them conteigned, to the con-
 trary, in any wise not-
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AN ACTE OF THE KYNGES
MAIESTIES MOST FRE
AND GENERALL PARDON

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The .xxiii. Chapter.

The Kinges most royall Maiestie, right well perceiuing his louing subiectes, by many and sundry wayes and meanes, greuously against the bounden duties of their allegiaunces, to haue now of late this last Sommer tyme offend ed his highnes and his lawes, by inordinate disobedience, Rebellion and otherwise, and his maiestie by Goddes prouidence being replenished with mercy, clemencie and pitie, and muche inclined to allure, prouoke, and stirre his said louing subiectes to loue obedience (which to theim of due tie apperteyneth) his maiestie hauing a speciall trust and confidence in his sayed subiectes, that they will hereafter apply and endeuer them selves to serue and please hym in all obedience and obseruaunce of his lawes, whiche his highnes willet and chargeth them to do, lest upon suche like disobedience, rebellion and other offences, his highnes shalbe enforced and constrained to execute his seuerie iustice, which to his imperiall and kyngly estate and function doth appertayne, and may now will no longer beare and susteine hereafter any suche rebellion, being a greate perill to his graces person, and clere subuersion, and a likeliye destruction of his sayd Realme and subiectes, and a great comfort to all his graces enemies: is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, in maner and forme folowing: That is to saie, shal and euery of his sayde subiectes aswell spirituall as temporall of this his Realme of Englande, Wales, the Isles of Iernesey and Bernesey, Barwicke, Calles, Gylfnes, Haimmes, Bullogne, and Bullonys and the marches of euery of them the heyres, successours, Executours, and Administratours of the and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wise Corporate, Cityes, Borowghes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tythinges, and euery of them, and the successour and successours of them and euery of them, shalbe by thauctoritie of this present parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released and discharged, against the Kinges highnes his heyres, Successours, & Executours, & euery of them, of all manner of Heresies, Treasons, Rebellions, Insurrections, Unlawfull assemblies, Conmenticles, Conspiracies, Disprisions of Treason, Concealmentes of Treason, Murders, Fellowpes, Roberies, Offences, contemptes, Trespasses, Wronges, Deceiptes, Wildemearours, Forfaitures, Penalties, Sommes of monye, Paines of death, paynes corporall and pecuniary

pecunia: and al other thinges Causes, Querelles, suites, Judgements and executions, w^{ch} hiche maye be o^r can bee by his highnes in any wy^{se} o^r by any meanes pa^rdoned, released o^r discharged, before & vnto the two and twentye daye of January, in the yere of our lord God a thousand five hundred fourtie and nyne, other the^{se} such as hereafter in this acte be excepted and so^rprised in suche manner and fourme, and vnto such times as the same be excepted o^r so^rprised in this acte, & other then such as y^e clauses of p^rouiso hereafter mencioned, do o^r doth extend t^o mo

And also the kynges highnes is further contented and pleased, y^e it be enacted by thautthoritie of this present parliament y^e this his said generall and fre pardon, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his sayd subiectes, bodie^s co^rporate, and other before reherfed and to euery of theim by thesayde generall wo^rdes before reherfed in al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present acte excepted o^r so^rprised, no^r conteyned in any clause of p^rouiso hereafter mencioned, as that same pardon shoulde be if all offences, contemptes, fo^rseitures, causes, matters, suites, querelles, iudgements, executions, & enalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter excepted no^r co^rteined, in any clause of p^rouiso hereafter mencioned) had ben perticulerly, singulerly, specially, & playnly, named, reherfed, and specified in this present acte & also pa^rdoned by p^rop^re and expresse wo^rdes and names in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wo^rdes and featmes ther^ento requisite so haue be put in and expresse in this acte of fre pardon: And that his said subiectes no^r any of them, no^r y^e heires, executo^rs o^r administrators of any of them no^r any of the said bodie^s co^rporate, no^r any other persones, bodie^s politique o^r co^rporate, before named o^r any of them be no^r shalbe sued, vexed, o^r inquired, in their bodie^s, goodes, landes, o^r cat^{al}alles, fo^r any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemeano^r, fo^rseiture trespass, offence, o^r any other, thing suffred, done o^r commytted agaynst his highnes o^r his crowne, dignity, p^rerogative, lawes o^r statutes, but only fo^r o^r concerning suche matters, causes, and offences, as be reherfed o^r mencioned in the exceptions o^r clauses of p^rouiso in this p^resent acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and so^rme as in the same exceptions o^r clauses of p^rouiso, bee mencioned, and fo^r none other: as ny^e statute o^r statutes, lawes, customes, bles o^r presidentes heretofore had, made, o^r bled to the co^rtrary in any wyse not withstanding. And y^e all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes, and all and singuler bodie^s co^rporate and other before reherfed, may by hym o^r them selves o^r by his o^r their deputie o^r deputies, o^r by his o^r their attorney o^r attorneys accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade & minister this p^resent acte of fre pardon fo^r his o^r their discharge, of & fo^r euery thyng that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, geuen o^r graunted, without any fee, o^r other thyng in any wise payeng to any person o^r persons fo^r writing o^r ent^ry of the iudgemēt o^r other cause co^rcerning
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suche ple, wrytyng oꝝ entry, but onely .xii. d. to be paid to the officer oꝝ clarke, that shal enter the ple, matter oꝝ iudgment, for the discharge of any parrtie so pleading the same, any statute, law oꝝ vse to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Kynges hyghnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament, that this his said fre pardon by the general wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of courtes, oꝝ els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of exceptions, and forpyles specified in this present acte, as in all and synguler other clauses, wordes and sentences mencioned, and rehearsed in this his sayed free pardon most beneficially & auaylably to al & synguler his said subiectes, bodiees corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of theym in al thynges ambiguous and doughtfull, and most strongly in barre and discharge agaynst his hyghnes, his heyres, successours and executors in euery thyng without obstacle, chalenge oꝝ other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, objected, oꝝ alledged by the Kyng our soueraygne Lorde, his heyres, successours oꝝ executors, oꝝ by hys oꝝ any of their general attorney oꝝ attorneis, oꝝ by any persone oꝝ persones, for his highnes oꝝ any of his heyres, successours oꝝ executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, by thauthozitie of this present parliament, that if any officer oꝝ clerke, of any of his hyghnes courtes commonly called the Kynges benche, Chauncery, the commo place oꝝ exchequer, oꝝ any other officer oꝝ clarke of any other court, within this realme oꝝ Wales, oꝝ other his hyghnes dominions, aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the last day of January, in the yere of our lorde God. a thousand fyue hundred forty & nyne, make out, oꝝ write out, any maner of writtes oꝝ other proces oꝝ any extractes, commons oꝝ other preceptes, wherby any of the said subiectes, oꝝ any of the said bodiees corporate, oꝝ other before rehearsed, oꝝ any of them shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distrained, sommoned oꝝ other wyse vexed, inquieted oꝝ greued in his oꝝ their bodiees, landes, tenementes, goodes, oꝝ cattalles, or in any of them, for, oꝝ because of any maner of thyng pardoned oꝝ discharged, by vettue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, and thereof lawfully condemned shal pelde and paie for the recompence thereof to the parrtie so greued oꝝ offended treble damages, the costes of his sute to be accompted as percell of the damages. And neuertheles, all and synguler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, oꝝ vpon any maner thyng pardoned oꝝ discharged, by this acte of fre pardon, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except allwayes and forpyled oute of this generall and free Pardon all and all maner perpensid and wylfull Murder, and all and euery robbery committed oꝝ done in oꝝ nere the hyghe waye, and all

and euery wylfull burning of any house, or barne with corne, & all and euery offence of burgulary, robbing of churches or chapelles, done or perpetrated, sythen the feast of sainte Mychaell tharchaungell last past. AND also except and forpyled, out of this free pardon, all and all maner of piracies, had, done, committed or perpetrated vpon or in the Seas. AND also excepted and forpyled out of this free pardon, all and all maner of punishmentes, impetitions, forfeitures, paines of death, iudgements, and executions for the premisses befoze excepted, or for any of them. AND excepted and forpyled out of this free pardon, al & singuler some & sommes of money, graunted to the kynges highnes, or his most dereft father, kyng Henry the. vii. by way & meane of subsidy, sistene, beneuolence, loane, contributiō, relieue, or otherwise, or by any of the same waies or meanes: And al detainers, withholdiges & none paymentes touching or concerning thesame, or any part thereof: And that thesame and euery part thereof may & shal by auctoritie abouesaied, be leuied, taken and receiued to the kynges vse, any thyng in this free pardon, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also except and forpyled, all wastes of the kynges woddess in any of his forrestes, parkes, chases and elsewhere. AND also except & forpyled, all and all maner of wastes committed or done in any of the kynges wardes, lades, or in y wardes lades of any comitte of y kynges maiestie, or of any of his most noble progenitours committes. AND also except and forpyled, out of this free pardon, all and euery concele-mentes of any custome or subsidie, and all and all maner of accomptes and accompt, and all acciōs, suetes, impetitions, & demandes touching, or concerning any accomptes or accompte, & all arerages of accōpt, and all debtes, impetitions, suetes, demaundes and executions by occasion or meanes of any accōpt, which ought to be made to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitours. And also except and forpyled all titles of acciōs of Quare impedit, all raiushmentes and withholding of any of the kynges wardes, or withholding of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profits of thesame landes & tenementes. And all & euery fine or fines, for the syngle or double value of the marriage or marriages, of any of the kynges wardes, at any tyme growen to y kyng our souerigne lord, or to any of his most noble progenitours. AND also except and forpyled all and singuler homages, fealties and other seruices, relieffes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes secke, & tenthes and the arerages of euery of them, due to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitours. And also except & forpyled out of this free pardon, al & singuler forfeitures, & all maner of penalties, somes of money & profits, whatsoever growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to y comon lawes of this realme, whereof any leaseure was made, or any informacion geuen in any of the kynges courtes of record, or any

any sute comensid or depeding before y. xx. day of January, in y. iii. yere
of the kinges maiesties reigne. or wherof the kinges maiestie or kyng
Henry the. viii. by his seals or with y. scale of any of them before the said
xx. day of January, in the said yere of our lord God a. M. D. xlii. haue
hath or shall make any gifte or assignement, to any seruauntes or ser-
uaunte. of our soueraigne lord the kyng or of the said kyng Henry the
eight, or to any other persone or persones. AND except and forpyssed
out of this free pardon, all and synnguler, forscitures, forsciture, and
somme & sommes of money, being due to our soueraigne lord y. king, or
to kyng Henry the seuenth, or to kyng Henry y. eight, by any penal sta-
tute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudge-
ment, or by agreement of the offendor. AND except and forpyssed out
of this free pardon, all and al maner of debtes due, and to be due to our
soueraigne lord the kyng, or to any of his most noble progenitours,
other then suche as are due to our soueraigne lord the kyng, vpon
any obligacion or recognisaunce, forscited for none apparaunce, or for
not keeping of the peace, or for not being of good behauor. AND ex-
cepte and forpyssed out of this free pardon, all and synnguler synes,
aswell synes pro licencia concordandi, as other synes for contemptes or
offences set or taxed: And also all pssues, synes and amerciamentes as-
well reall as other vnder fyue pondes (other then synes for any aliena-
cion, without the kynges lycence) seuerally or particulerly, concerning
any one pson or mo persons iointely, whether the same synes or amerc-
ciamentes before excepted, be totted or not totted, taken to the charge
of any sheryfe or sheryfes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated
or not extreated, whether they be turned into debte or not turned into
debte, or not being leuyed, receyued or not receyued, by any sheryfe or
sheryfes, Bayliet, minister or other officer.

Wherby it is provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid,
that this present acte of free pardon, or any thyng therein contained,
shall not in any wyse extende to discharge or pardon any offence paine
or penaltie, done, committed or forscited, by force of any estatute here-
tofore made, against the decayng of any house or houses of husban-
drie, or conuerting of any lande from tyllage into pasture other wyse
or in any other maner then to pardon and discharge all issues, forset-
tes, paynes and penalties growen or due to the kynges maiestie, or to
his late father of moste famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, before
the fyrst day of June in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fyue
hundredth and fyftie, by reason of any suche offence or offences, whiche
issues, forsettes, paynes and penalties are playnely and clerely before
pardoned, in and by this present acte of free pardon, nor shall extende
to geue or make any lycence or dispensacion to any person or persons,
to holde or contynue the same so decayed or conuerted, contrary to the
forme of any estatute or statutes.

Wherby it is provided

Provided also & bee it enacted by thauctozitte of this present parliament, that all & every pson and psons, whiche tended to sue & were out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue any lyuety out of the kynges handes, or y ought to sue any ouster le mayn of any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatlocuer they be, shal sue & be bounden to sue his or theyr lyuety or lyueties, and ouster le mayn of hys or their manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done if this acte of fre pardon had neuer bene graunted, any article, clause, matter, or sentence, act or actes, thing or thynges, in this present acte of fre pardon, compiled or specified to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And except and forpyssed out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, beyng the six and twentie day January, in the yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie & nyue prisoner or prisoners in the Tower of London, in the flete, in the Werthalssey, or in any other prison, or in any wise by the kynges commaundement, or by the commaundement or order of the lordes of hys pryue counsaill restrained or stayed from libertie: other then suche prisoner & prisoners, as are in any prison onely for felonious stealing of any goodes or cattals, vnder the some and value of twenty shyllinges, so that the same felonious taking of and suche goodes or cattals, be not feloniously taken in or nere any hyghe way, nor in the dwelling house of any persone in the night tyme, nor in any churche or chappell. AND also except out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones whiche at any tyme before the said six and twenty day of January, in the sayd yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie and nyue, is, ought or shalbe put to death or in execution by vertue of any maner of iudgement against him or theim geuen. AND except and forpyssed out of thys free pardon, all and all maner of treasons, done, committed or perpetrated by any person or persons, in any of the parties beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, or by any persone or persones, now beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande (other then suche treasons or petit treasons, as haue bene committed, perpetrated or done by any persone beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande) that before y feast of Thascencion, of our lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred & fiftie, shal come & make their returne and repaire into this Realme of Englande: And excepte and forpyssed all impetitions, punishmentes, forseyntures, paynes of death, executions & iudgementes for the same treasons.

And furthermore, the kynges Maiestie of his speciall grace and clemency, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and established by thauctozitte aforesayd, that all and synguler persone and persones, beyng bozne within this Realme of Englade, or in any of the kynges Dominions, and now being beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, whiche before

before the first day of Nouembre in the yere of our lord God, a thousand five hundred fourtie and nyne, dyd fle out of this realme of England, or any of the kynges dominions, for any high treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, or for any felonie or murdre, or other crime or offence, by hym or them committed in any wise done, or perpetrated shall by vertue of this free pardon bee clerely discharged, acquitted and pardoned of al and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treason or other offences and crimes whatsoever, done, committed or perpetrated before the sayd first day of Nouembre, in the said yere of our lord God, a thousand five hundredeth fourty and nyne, and of al maner of impetitions, lutes, penalties, forfaitures, and executions for the same: So that he or they do come and make their returne and repayre into this realme of England, on thissyde the said feast of the assencion of our lord God, in the sayd yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie. And also our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, by vertue of this acte, and by the auctoritie aboue sayd, doth geue authority and licence to all and euery of the sayed persone and persons, being beyond the Sea or in Scotland, to returne and repaire into this Realme of England, and other his dominions, before the same feast of the assencion of our lord God a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie.

Wherby alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayed, that it shalbe lefull to all and euery Clerke and other Officer, of any of the kynges courtes, to whome it apperteineth, without any forfaiture, losse or punishment for thesame, to awarde and make writtes of capias vt lagatum, at the sute of the partie plaintife against any persone or persones, being outlawed in any accion or lute, to the intent to compel the persone or persons, so outlawed, to make answer to the plaintife or playntifes, at whose lute he or they were or was outlawed. And also that euery person and persones, now being outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a Scire facias, agaynst y party or parties, at whose lute he or they were or was outlawed or their executors, or administrators before suche tyme as the persone or persones so outlawed, shall take any aduantage of this free pardon, concernyng his or their outlawry.

And the kyng our souereigne lord is contented and pleased, to graunte by auctoritie afoze sayd, that it shalbe lawfull to all and singular Archebyschops, and Bishoppes of this his Realme of England, and Wales, to deliuer out of prison, and set at libertie all and singular, those persones being in prison in their custody or in the custody, of any of them, as clarkes conuicte or conuicted, whiche be pardoned by this acte of free pardon, without any further acte or lute to bee made for allowance of this pardon or other wyse, any acte of Parliament, lawe, blage, custome or other thing to y contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. Wherby alwaie, that this acte of generall and free pardon or any thing

thyng therein conteyned extend not to Thon wythe of Epleham in the countie of Norff. any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Wherby also, as be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte of fre pardon, shall not extend to any person or persons, which at any tyme heretofore haue offended in these heresies & erroneous opinions hereafter ensuving, that is to say: Infantes ought not to be baptized, and if they be baptized, they ought to be rebaptized when they come to lawful age. That it is not lesul for a Christian man to beare office or rule in any common welth: That no mans lawes ought to be obeyed. That it is not lesul for a christian man to take an othe before any Judge: That Christ toke no bodily substance of our blessed ladye: That sinners after baptisme cannot be restored by repentance: That all thynges bee or ought to be common and nothyng seuerall.

Wherby also, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte of fre pardon or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend, or be in any wise beneficiall, or take effecte to any such person or persones, that at any tyme sithe the feast of Easter last past hath or haue made any rebellion or unlawful commotion, in any part of this Realme or in wales, whiche at any tyme lyth the .xij. daye of June last past, hath or haue committed or sewed, and after the last day of february next coming wll follow or continue, or that at any tyme hereafter shall commence or sue in proper person, or by his or their attorney auctorised, auow, sue and followe, any manner of appeale touching the death of any such rebellious person or persons, or maiming or beating of any of the sayd rebellious person or persones, or any bill or billes, accio or accions, of trespass or detinue, or action vppon any case against any person or persones, that dyd serue the kynges Matheite in or for the subduing of the sayd rebellious persones, of for or concerning the taking awaye or withholdyng of the goodes or Cattalles, of any of the sayd rebellious persones, or of, for or concerning any other acte or actes, personall, done or executed in the commocion tyme to any of the sayd rebellious persones, by any person or persones that serued the kyng in any commocion tyme, to the subduing of the same rebellious persones, betwene the sayd .xii. daye of June and the first day of November last past.

God saue the Kyng.

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